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# COLLEGE WINS CROSSING FIGHT

**A PEDESTRIAN crossing to improve the safety of students at Dudley College has finally been given the go-ahead by a planning inspector.**

For more than two years staff and students at Dudley College have campaigned for the new crossing on The Broadway, saying lives were being put in danger by traffic on the busy road.

By Dominic Bareham

The most recent accident was shortly before Christmas when a student was injured when hit by a car.

Dudley Council had rejected the college's application following objections from residents who were worried there would be noise from students and were concerned that traffic queuing at the crossing would cause air quality problems.

But planning inspector Ian Radcliffe decided noise from the crossing would be minimal, as would the effect on air quality and did not outweigh the safety benefits from having the crossing.

### Negligible

In a report following his visit to the town centre site on February 19, he said: "The noise and disturbance for nearby occupiers generated by the crossing would be minimal and the effect on air quality overall would be negligible.

"Having regard to all other matters raised, I therefore conclude that the highway safety benefits of the proposed development heavily outweigh its adverse effects."

College principal Lowell Williams said: "We are pleased that the planning issue for the puffin crossing has finally been resolved by the Planning Inspectorate.

"Although this has taken over two years to reach a successful conclusion, the appeal has delivered the right outcome. Common sense has prevailed.

"The addition of a controlled crossing has always been a requirement in the development of the Dudley Learning Quarter, as the safety of the college users and the wider public is our foremost concern."

He added he was 'exceptionally disappointed' the plans had been refused in the first place, especially as the council's planning officers had backed the scheme. Tens of thousands of pounds had been spent on the appeal, which could have been better spent on providing facilities for young people, he said.

Steve Johnson, executive director of estates, said: "The college will now work positively with the council's highway team on a refined design for the crossing. Work will be commissioned pending highway access permissions and construction is expected to take place over the summer. The cost of the crossing is being met by the college as part of its £50 million Dudley Learning Quarter development and regeneration of the town centre."

The crossing plan has also received the backing of Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

Students took their campaign for a pedestrian crossing near Dudley College to the crossing by Dudley Council's HQ

## MP takes village pub protest to Parliament

AN MP has put forward a petition in Parliament to save a popular village pub.

Campaigners are working to protect the Seven Stars pub in Sedgley after Morrisons announced its interest in buying the pub from Marston's to create a supermarket.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has worked with campaigners to save the pub by getting it listed as an Asset of Community Interest, and has pushed for extra protections for other community pubs being eyed up by retailers.

The MP praised the hard work of campaigners in gathering around 2,500 signatures for the petition and said that it showed that local residents were clearly opposed to the development.

### Heart

Mr Austin said: "Pubs like the Seven Stars are at the heart of the local community in Dudley, and I'm on the side of local residents that don't want it turned into a supermarket.

"I want the Government to listen to local campaigners because this is a perfect example of why the law should offer community pubs more protection."

Ministers must now respond to the request in writing.

## Train death man was 48

A MAN who was killed having been struck by a train in the Black Country was a 48-year-old from Wolverhampton, it has been confirmed.

The man was hit near Dudley Port station at 12.05pm last Wednesday, March 11.

British Transport Police spokesman Dominic Sutton said the man's next of kin had been informed. He added officers were not treating his death as suspicious and were preparing a report for the coroner.

## More shops closing than opening

MORE shops closed down than opened in the town centres of the Black Country last year.

In total, there were 371 new store openings and 524 closures across the Black Country and Staffordshire as retailers responded to the rise of online shopping.

The net loss of 153 shops was worse than 2013 when it was 76.

The research from the Local Data Company for accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) found that Dudley saw 11 closures and two openings. But in Stourbridge town centre it remained steady with five closures cancelled out by five openings.

Wolverhampton had a greater net loss with 35 closures and 14 openings. Walsall had 21 shops shut and 12 opening.

Rob Hunt, restructuring partner at PwC in the West Midlands, said: "This year's numbers expose the harsh impact of 'macro' changes on the high street, especially in certain sub-sectors — increasing regulation for money shops, the advance of technology for some phone operators and the continued shift to the internet in the clothing sector. Despite the benign economy, the net loss of shops has accelerated.

"Despite the continuing problem of closures, new sub-sectors such as discount shops and charity shops keep growing. The strength of the restaurant and fast-food sectors is also a boost for the high street."

Birmingham city centre also had a net loss of shops with 87 closing and 75 gained.

The analysis highlights the changing profile of town centres across the West Midlands, with mobile phones shops the hardest hit with a net loss of 44.

Charity shops with a net increase of 11, e-cigarettes outlets, jewellers, shoe shops, financial advisors, coffee shops and discount stores were among those opening in 2014.

## New pitch perfect bid for nature 'corridor'

THOUSANDS of pounds will be spent to draining a park and football pitch which is currently waterlogged for half the year.

Dudley Council has earmarked around £55,000 for the project at the QEII Fields at Russells Hall Park.

It will be at least three years until the pitch can be fully utilised with work to include installation of a drainage system and temporary fencing.

The scheme will also create a wetland habitat, a nature 'corridor' linking fields at Milking Bank with Barrow Hill Local Nature Reserve.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, is one of the councillors representing the St James's ward, said: "That this will now go ahead is wonderful news. It is what we need to make sure the area is utilised properly."

Councillor Ahmed explained that local residents had raised the issue of the waterlogged fields at a community forum meeting.

He added: "It is a great area and there is an opportunity for there to be quite a few pitches. It could be used to host Sunday league matches or whatever the community want.

"We want the people in Russell's Hall to have a fair deal."

## Chain plans bar revamp

A PUB chain has applied to extend the seating area outside a Sedgley pub.

JD Wetherspoon chain has asked Dudley Council for permission to extend the area at former cinema The Clifton at the Bull Ring in the village.

The chain also wants to create a new smoking area and convert an unused area of land into extra car parking with access from Ettymore Road. The former bingo hall was bought by JD Wetherspoon in 1998.

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# Tributes paid to fundraising landlady

A FAMILY has paid tribute to a popular publican who battled breast cancer to raise thousands for good causes.

Paula Newton, aged 57, was diagnosed with cancer 14 years ago. She ran The Union pub and The Bridge Inn, both in Kingswinford, with her husband Alan after a career change five years ago.

For more than a decade she fought cancer and started a fund-raising bid for charity.

She raised £15,000 including nearly £5,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and thousands for the Georgina ward at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

Mrs Newton had visited the ward, where her father Bill Garbett had also been treated for treatment, while receiving chemotherapy.

But the disease returned 18 months ago and Mrs Newton died on March 1.

She was the landlady of the Union pub, in Water Street, and the Bridge Inn, in Moss Grove.

Her husband Alan Newton, 55, said: "She was very strong and brave and always had a smile. She always had time for people and was just a very kind, caring lady."

Norn in Brierley Hill and raised in Cradley Heath, she had attended Corngreaves Junior School and Lomey Town school.

She had two children Nathan Brettle, now aged 37 and Hayley Churchill, 28.

She saw her grandson Freddie born in November.

Her funeral is today (Thursday) at Gornal Crematorium at 10.20am.

# Shopping giant fined £10k after worker falls

**A SHOPPING centre giant has been ordered to pay more than £10,000 for a breach of health and safety regulations after a worker from Dudley fractured his shoulder in a fall at a major London mall.**

Brett Mason plummeted more than six feet through an unprotected gap in mesh flooring, just a few days before Christmas 2013.

The 39-year-old from Sedgley was one of a team of subcontractors working on a roof extension at the White City mall complex, in west London, when he fell on December 20, 2013.

Mr Mason suffered a dislocated and fractured right shoulder and was unable to work for six months.

Westfield Shoppingtowns Ltd was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive. Westminster magistrates heard the company was principal contractor for the construction of a two-storey roof extension to an existing retail store, part of the 'Kidzania' project to provide a new leisure facility for children.

Mr Mason and a colleague had been finishing work in preparation for the Christmas break. The two had walked around to ensure all their materials were safely secured and not liable to blow off the roof in high winds.

Magistrates were told Mr Mason stepped back and fell through the unprotected gap in the mesh flooring, landing on the roof deck below.

The court was told the HSE investigation found the fall could have been easily avoided had edge protection been placed around the gap.

Westfield Shoppingtowns Ltd, of High Holborn, London, was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £1,247 in costs after admitting a breach of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

## Pub set to be replaced by housing

A PUB in Coseley which has become a target for vandals since its closure is to be replaced by homes, if plans are given the go-ahead by Dudley planners.

The Painters Arms, Avenue Road, has been boarded up but has been targed by arsonists. Proposals have been tabled to demolish the pub and a neighbouring home to make way for a residential development.

Planning documents, on behalf of developers G Partnership UK Ltd, said the public house was locally listed as a building of historic interest and currently stands unoccupied and boarded up following several attempts of vandalism and arson.

"The pub is currently in a poor state of repair," it continued. "Following closure the pub was vandalised and attempts were made to set fire to the building. Thankfully the fire brigade was called and the fire extinguished before it got completely out of control."

Coseley Councillor Star Etheridge said it was a 'travesty' that the pub had fallen into ruin but if it was bulldozed she hoped it would be replaced by homes that people can afford.

## Rock Starr joins open mic duo

Rocker drops in — Michael Starr joins Living On A Prayer with Metal & Wood's Alex Leventhal

AN open mic crowd were treated to an impromptu performance from a star who had just played a sell-out show at the Civic Hall.

Following LA glam metal band, Steel Panther's date at the 2,3000 capacity venue, frontman Michael Starr paid a visit to the Dog and Doublet's Plug In and Play night.

He performed the Bon Jovi hit Living on a Prayer with acoustic duo Alex Leventhal, 34, from Netherton and Adrian Marx, 42, from Bradmore, otherwise known as Metal and Wood.

The pair had been asked by the venue to play an unofficial after party for the show and after leaving the Steel Panther concert early to set up, found out their partners had persuaded members of the band to attend.

Adrian said: "Me and Alex play all over Europe together so it was originally looking like just another night for us. Michael Starr was absolutely brilliant. The band have a comic element to them and so do we, so it worked as well as we could have hoped. On stage they portray these characters who are quite sort of over the top and exaggerated, based on the rock stars of the 80s."

## Busy time ahead for Beacon's bus service

BLACK Country sight loss charity Beacon is launching a bus service to get volunteers out into the community.

The Beacon Centre for the Blind, in Sedgley, starts running the Beacon Bus tomorrow (Friday) 20 at Stone Street in Dudley town centre.

Arwyn Jones, Beacon's chief executive, said: "While most people are aware of the Beacon Centre in Sedgley, not everyone knows that we have a vibrant outreach programme, providing support to local people living with sight loss across the region.

"Our new Beacon Bus will allow our friendly team to get closer to the people who need our services, as well as spreading the word about Beacon and what we do.

### Familiar

"We are certain that this brightly decorated vehicle will soon be a familiar and welcome sight around the neighbourhood and we can't wait to see the 'buzz' it generates."

The bus can also be booked by schools, colleges, care homes or local businesses. To check availability or to find out more, contact fundraising@beaconvision.org or call 01902 880111.

## Speed bumps plan at school

SPEED bumps could be installed on a road outside a Dudley school.

The council is proposing installing traffic slowing measures on Aintree Way, used by parents taking children to Milking Bank Primary School. Council bosses want to put nine bumps along the road and are promising to consult the community.

Highways boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "This work is part of a safer route to school and includes speed cushions as well as a new 20mph zone. There will be signs warning drivers."

## Bungalows bid

FIVE homes will be built on the site of a former nursing home under new plans. The site, off St James's Road in Gornal Wood, has been empty since Lomond Vale Nursing Home was demolished in 2008. Plans have been submitted to Dudley Council for bungalows.


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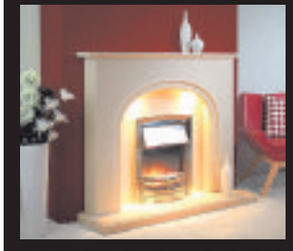
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# Police give too many cautions, says MP

A BLACK Country MP has criticised 'inappropriate' police cautions.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said police cautions were preventing many crimes from coming to court as they were handed out too often as a 'slap on the wrist'.

A report prompted by magistrates in Dudley has shown that police cautions are used inappropriately in up to a third of cases.

The finding was revealed in a new report from MPs on the Home Affairs Select Committee on the use of 'out-of-court disposals' including cautions, fines and community resolutions.

## Report

Mr Austin said: "I called for a report on this issue after local people and magistrates told me that too many offenders are being given a slap on the wrist. Now this report confirms that up to a third of offenders should face tougher action.

"Police in Dudley work flat out to keep the public safe but victims have to feel that justice is being done when cases don't go to court. This is really important because local people want more police on the streets, more offenders brought before court and more criminals put in jail."

# Death crash driver charge

A MOTORIST has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving after a crash in Dudley.

Jamie Wharton, aged 29, suffered serious injuries when a Nissan Skyline he was driving careered through a garden wall in Netherton last year. His passenger, Timothy Pearson, 23, from Quarry Bank, died in the incident.

Wharton, of Birch Coppice, Quarry Bank, has now been charged over the crash that happened last June and is due to appear at Dudley Magistrates' Court on March 31.

# Charity rock gig

A LIVE music event is being held at a rock club to raise money for the Brian Tumour Charity. It will be £3 admission for Brainstock at Rock Zombie in King Street, Dudley, on Saturday from 2.30pm with bands including The Meharis, The Supers and Pencils for Pistols.

# Cannabis found in former community centre

More than 550 cannabis plants were seized

A CANNABIS factory with plants worth nearly £230,000 has been discovered in a former community centre.

More than 550 plants were seized from the old Hurst Hill District Community Association on Hackett Close, Woodcross, following reports of suspicious activity.

Three men were arrested in connection with the discovery and later released on bail.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Sarah Buxton said: "We were called to Hackett Close in Woodcross, at around 1.45am on March 11, following a report of people seen acting suspiciously near two cars.

"Officers attended and located a property on the road, which contained a cannabis factory.

## Inquiries

"One of the vehicles suspected of being involved in the original call was stopped on the Birmingham New Road, near the junction with Priory Road 20 minutes later.

"Three men, one aged 21 and two aged 19, were arrested from the vehicle on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. They have been released on police bail while inquiries continue."

Residents in the area told of their disgust at the discovery.

Irene Wilkinson, aged 70, of Hackett Close, said: "It's a real shame to see the old the centre the way it is now. My ex-partner's grandad used to run it years ago and it was for elderly people to meet up."

Heather Clee, 17, was visiting her uncle close to Hackett Close. She added: "This is a fairly quiet area so I'm surprised to see that had been taking place. I rarely see the police around here."

# Shock figures for domestic violence across the borough

**MORE than 2,500 cases of domestic violence were reported in homes with children in Dudley in the space of a year, new figures reveal.**

The borough children's chief called the figure 'shocking' and said he believed there were many more people suffering in silence.

The information has come to light in a council report as the council launches its new domestic violence and abuse strategy on Monday.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said the authority and support services were more committed than ever to tackling the issue. He said: "When you first see the figure it is shocking.

"It is not just mums and dads who are involved. We know there are children seeing terrible things going on between parents but there are lots of mechanisms now to get something done.

"Ensuring our children are in a safe home environment is an absolute priority and at the council we enjoy close working relationships with partner agencies to help identify issues and take action where appropriate."

He added: "Not that many years ago there wasn't anybody taking domestic violence as seriously as it should be, people would say 'it's just a domestic'. It shouldn't be like that. Now we are encouraging more people to report it.

"From what I can tell it is not an abnormal figure in Dudley compared to the rest of the country."

Particularly concerning will be the number of attacks in homes with children. In each of the 2,568 cases between April 2013 and March 2014, children lived at the address and may or may not have been present during violence.

# Special day call to all veterans

FORMER servicemen and women are urged to come forward for the Armed Forces Day celebrations.

Anyone who has served in the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, the RAF or volunteer and regular reserves are entitled to a Veterans Badge at the event. A Veterans Medal can be claimed by those awarded a medal during military service. Those living in Dudley borough can have their honour presented to them at a special event at Himley Hall on June 28, the day after Armed Forces Day.

Councillor Margaret Aston, Mayor of Dudley, said: "The highlight of every Armed Forces Day is recognising the contribution of veterans when their badges are presented.

"We especially want to hear from servicemen and women who are entitled to or have already been sent their HM Armed Forces Badges to have them officially presented during the day's formal proceedings."

Contact Dudley Council on (01384) 818186.

# British Empire Medal for RAFA stalwart

'It's humbling to think I have been nominated for something I enjoy doing,' says John Deane of his medal honour

A FORMER RAF serviceman will receive a British Empire Medal at a special ceremony today (Thursday).

John Deane has been honoured with the medal for 50 years of service to the Royal Air Force Association's Dudley branch. It was announced in the Queen's New Year's Honours

A ceremony will take place in the Mayor of Dudley's parlour when the 78-year-old will have his award officially presented to him by West Midland's Lord Lieutenant Paul Sabapathy CBE.

Mr Deane, from Kingswinford, said: "It was a real honour to be named in the Queen's New Year's Honours amongst some incredible people. The work that I do for the RAF Association and in the community generally I get real pleasure from. It's humbling to think I have been nominated for something I enjoy doing."

Mr Deane is president and treasurer of the branch and organises the collections for the association's charity Wings Appeal, as well as the annual Remembrance parade. He was integral to the campaign that raised £64,000 in just over a year for a new cenotaph in Dudley town centre in 2001.

After two years of national service in the RAF from 1955 to 1957, based in Iraq and Cyprus, he joined the RAFA in 1964. A former car salesman, he has dedicated 40 years to the committee of the Air Training Corps's 347 Squadron in Dudley.

He will be joined by distinguished guests including Air Vice Marshall Mike Smart and Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty RARF.

Councillor Margaret Aston, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I am delighted for John and his family, that at long last he has been officially recognised for all the hard work he puts in. He really is an inspiration to us all."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Plea over attack caught on CCTV

A MAN was beaten in an apparently unprovoked attack at Dudley bus station.

Police discovered the attack during CCTV enquiries but so far no victim has come forward. It is thought the man got up and left the scene after the attack, in which he appeared to have been kicked unconscious.

No witnesses have yet come forward.

Police are appealing for any information on the attack which is thought to have happened at around 6.30pm on March 5.

Contact PC David Ward on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Fossil ideas for new street names

ROADS on a new estate of 43 homes could be named in honour of a nature reserve. UK Construction Ltd is building near Dudley's Wrens Nest Nature Reserve, which is famous for its fossils.

The developer is proposing to councillors the names Fossil View, Calymene Mews and Silurian Mews. Calymene is the genus of trilobites — the famous 'Dudley bug' — while Silurian is the geological age of the rock in which the fossils are found.

### Police promise to tackle bad parking

POLICE are cracking down on nuisance parking in Upper Gornal following complaints from residents.

Patrols are taking place in Clarence Street after problems with cars being left blocking roads and paths.

Officers from the Upper Gornal and Woodsetton police team have been speaking to drivers. They have pledged to continue monitoring the situation.

### Nursery is rated as 'outstanding'

A NURSERY in Dudley has been rated as 'outstanding' following an inspection.

Ofsted praised Netherton Park Nursery School and Children's Centre, saying youngsters had a 'wonderful time'. The report said the staff were 'extremely passionate' about their work and provide families with an 'inclusive, outstanding' service.

### New tennis HQ

A TENNIS club has been given the go-ahead to build a new clubhouse.

Dudley Council have given the green light for the project at Wall Heath Tennis Club, off Enville Road.


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A FORMER SNP leader Gordon Wilson says first minister Nicola Sturgeon should declare Scottish independence if the UK votes to leave the EU but Scots wants to stay in. So that's just one single referendum to a) get us out of Brussels' clutches and b) solve the Scottish Question. Bring it on.

LAY 100 pennies on the table in front of you to represent the annual spending of the UK. Now, given that politicians of all parties agree that "Defence of the realm is the first duty of any government," how many of those pennies would you spend on defence? The answer so far, from all the main parties, is barely 2p. One serious suggestion in Whitehall is that Britain could hit its target of spending two per cent on defence by including the money paid in pensions to old soldiers. This is not soldiering; it is creative accountancy.

IN general elections, the homing instinct is powerful. Dyed-in-the-wool Tories and Labour voters who dabbled with UKIP in by-elections tend to drift back into the fold. I dare say thousands are looking for an excuse not to vote for UKIP on May 7, hoping for just a hint that Nigel Farage's party is not yet respectable enough to be trusted. And then Farage shot himself in the foot by announcing he would scrap some of the laws against racial discrimination in the workplace. Alarm bells ringing? Thursday, March 12 may go down in history as the day when UKIP blew it.

REMEMBER how computers were going to create the 'paperless office'? This week I bought a shirt on the internet. As soon as the deal was done, I received a form to print, confirming my order. A few minutes later, I got an emailed receipt, followed two minutes later by an order reference number which was followed, after another two minutes, by an order confirmation. The next day the boss of the shirt-making company sent yet another lavish email. We have swapped the paperless office for a dark, dense forest of electronic clutter.

IN just 24 hours, 300,000 adoring fans signed an email petition calling for Jeremy Clarkson to be reinstated in Top Gear. I wonder how these numbskulls would react if their son, brother or husband came home and said: "I got punched at work today"

THERE'S nothing like childlessness to give you a sugary, sentimental view of family life. The Pope castigates people who do not visit their frail and elderly parents in homes, declaring: "It is sickening to see the elderly discarded. It is a sin." Memo to his Holiness: In real life, some parents do not like their children and some children do not like their parents.

LET'S not get too sniffy and superior about the shock-horror news that thousands of babies in China are being sold on the internet. It is happening because China has no law against private citizens offering babies for adoption. There is a grey area between offering an infant for genuine adoption and selling it to the highest bidder. If UK citizens were also allowed to offer babies for adoption, how long before eBay would be stuffed full of adorable British kids, yours for £20,000?

DRIVING home a few nights ago I came up behind an old, rather small, sports car. It turned out to be an Aston Martin DB5, as driven by James Bond in the 1960s. Back then, the DB5 was a great big beast of a car. Today it is dwarfed by the traffic around it, a reminder of the relentless growth in the size of family saloons, and the lumpy, ever-growing humans they are designed to carry. Believe it or not, the DB5 is 7.4 inches narrower than a modern Ford Focus and only eight inches longer.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# New culture training role at museum

BLACK Country Living Museum will be taking on a training programme bringing on a new generation of experts in arts and culture.

Officials at the popular attraction have announced they will be employing a fundraising fellow as part of the Arts Fundraising and Philanthropy programme. The museum is one of only three in the country to have been chosen to help.

Fellowships were created as a partnership with leading arts and education organisations in England with funding from the Arts Council.

## Responsible

They aim to create the next generation of leading development directors — the people who are responsible for developing culture, generating income and showcasing the arts as a charitable cause. Individuals will arrive at he museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley, to learn on the job from experts in the field, supported by a training and learning programme and gain hands-on experience in fundraising.

In addition, the director will be helping with various challenging projects at the museum.

Carolyn Sankey, Director of Development at Black Country Living Museum, said: "We are delighted to become a host organisation for the Arts Fundraising and Philanthropy Programme, which will support a recent graduate or individual looking for a career change,with training and hands-on fundraising experience and enhance Black Country Living Museum's Development department."

# Fetish club is aiming to overcome objections

**A FETISH club has renewed its bid to open in Dudley and now planning chiefs are backing the scheme, months after the original was blocked by councillors.**

Council planners said their decision had been made without making 'a moral judgement on the nature of the club'.

The Valhalla Club would cater for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, disabled people and the vulnerable, the council was told.

It would be based in premises in Dock Lane, opposite Dudley Leisure Centre.

Clive Thomson, owner of the club, has lodged a fresh application for a change of use for the building.

His first bid to open the club was rejected by councillors in December. But since then a separate committee granted a licence for the club to sell alcohol and for live and recorded music.

## Judgement

The previous application had referred to the venue as a 'private members club' but the current bid states it would be a 'social club and photographic studio'.

A report will go before members of the council's planning committee this week. It says: "The purpose of this report is to assess the suitability of the proposed use from a land use planning perspective and not to consider a moral judgement on the nature of the club.

**By Charlie Benton**

"This proposed development will involve the re-use of an otherwise redundant building which has been shown to be no longer viable for further industrial use.

"On this basis, it is considered that the proposed change of use is acceptable in this location in compliance with the relevant policies."

But the application has so far received more than 30 objections with the main issues being the location close to the leisure centre, religious buildings, a primary school and homes.

The club is finished inside and is waiting to open.

Mr Thomson said: "We have gone through licensing and scrutiny committees all without issue. The planning department and officers are on board with us, it is now just the committee, and I believe the issues there are completely personal.

"They don't understand what this club is."

# Health apprentices

MENTAL health hospitals in the Black Country will take on more apprentices later this year.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust currently has nine business apprentices on its books.

Gary Graham, Chief Executive of Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, said: "Apprenticeships are hugely important within our organisation. I am delighted to have so many talented young people on board, and would love to see many more recruited in the near future."

To find out more call (01384) 324525.

# Apprentices help rose bloom

**Painting the rose red — Luke Hodgkiss and Dean Wilson at work in Brierley Hill**

A SCULPTURE depicting a rose in the heart of a Black Country town has blossomed again after receiving a fresh coat of paint.

The Brier Rose was placed outside Brierley Hill Civic Hall in 1999 and over the years has become one of the town's best-known landmarks. But after so long outdoors, the vivid red and green of the sculpture had started to fade.

Now the piece, inspired by the town name, has been restored to its former glory after bosses at Ian Williams Ltd agreed to fund the repainting of the rose. The work has been carried out as part of National Apprenticeship Week by apprentice painters Dean Wilson and Luke Hodgkiss.

Councillor Tim Crumpton said: "National Apprenticeship Week gives Dudley Council a great opportunity to remind people we are the highest recruiter of apprentices in the Black Country."

The sculpture of a wild rose was designed by borough artist Steve Field.

# E-cigs not good cause for ban on adopters

COUNCILS in the West Midlands are being told to treat users of e-cigarettes differently to smokers when considering applications for adoption.

Guidelines issued by the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) are being updated with the organisations saying 'we will be recommending that agencies now consider e-cigarettes as different to tobacco cigarettes'.

Despite experts saying 'vaping' poses little or no threat to children, authorities have been reluctant to place under-fives with users.

In Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, people who wish to adopt a pre-school age child are ideally expected to have given up any kind of smoking for at least six months.

In a statement on its website BAAF said: "In light of the latest Public Health England report we are updating our recommendations. We will be recommending that agencies now consider e-cigarettes as different to tobacco cigarettes. Agencies should therefore recognise the low risk to children and not see the use of e-cigarettes as a reason to preclude foster carers or adopters purely on this basis."

# Opening date at brewhouse

A BLACK Country brewery will be opening its new brewhouse and bar at the end of this month.

Sadler's Ales has moved production of its beers to a new site at Conyers Trading Estate in Station Drive, Lye.

The move from its original site next to the Windsor Castle Inn in Stourbridge Road, Lye, is to enable it to increase output.

The new Sadler's Brewhouse and Bar will open to the public on Friday, March 27.

Visitors will be able to see brewing in progress as enjoy some of the ales at the bar.

# WI hear of king

KINVER Women's Institute will hold their next event on Saturday, which will feature a talk from a local historian about King Alfred the Great. The event at the Senior Citizen's Hall will also feature a fish and chip supper. Reserve a ticket on www.kinvervillagewi.co.uk

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# M&S have put heart machines in stores

LIFE-SAVING defibrillators have been installed in Marks & Spencer stores throughout the Black Country.

The retail giant confirmed that 40 of the devices, which can be used to restart someone's heart in the event of a cardiac arrest, have been introduced to stores in the West Midlands.

Of those, 14 are in outlets in the Black Country and Birmingham and a further seven are spread out through Staffordshire.

Keith Davis, health and safety chief at M&S, said: "Our position at the heart of community high streets and large shopping destinations means that our stores are perfect venues to host defibrillators. By having them in our stores across the West Midlands, they will save a life in the future."

Marks & Spencer has partnered with West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) to roll out the devices. Matt Heward from WMAS added: "The quicker someone is defibrillated, not only improves the chance of their survival but it can also help to improve the chances of a patient's full recovery. Every minute a patient is in cardiac arrest their chance of survival decreases by 10 per cent."

# Woman in taxi collision

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after being hit by a taxi in Lye.

The incident happened at the junction of Dudley Road, High Street and Pedmore Road. Passers-by flagged down passing police officers who were on patrol.

The taxi stopped after the accident and paramedics immobilised the woman before transferring her to A&E at Russells Hall Hospital. She had apparently suffered minor injuries in the collision at 8pm on Saturday.

Anyone with information should call 101 or anonymously on 0800 555111.

# Fred Zep on way

A LED Zeppelin tribute band will perform at Wolverley on May 2.

Fred Zeppelin will take to the stage at Wolverley Social Club in Shatterford Lane.

Tickets cost £6.60.

For details visit www.wegottickets.com/event/308584

# Edwina backs 'brilliant' work of hospice

Edwina Currie, organiser Sue Williams and hospice chief executive Stevan Jackson

EDWINA Currie was the star attraction at a charity dinner organised by Stourbridge-based Mary Stevens Hospice.

More than 140 people attended The Granary Hotel in Shenstone, near Kidderminser, eager to catch a glimpse of the former Tory minister, who in recent years has become known more for her TV appearances.

Mrs Currie courted controversy during her time as a politician. She caused a sensation when details of her infamous affair with former Prime Minister John Major were made public.

She was also memorably forced to resign from her role as junior health minister after warning about salmonella in British eggs.

The 68-year-old was attending a charity fundraiser for the Mary Stevens Hospice.

She said she was a huge supporter of hospices as they had been a part of her life from an early age.

"I have always been proud of hospices. They help people in the direst times in life, not just patients but families too," she said.

"My mother was a volunteer at a hospice in Woolton in Liverpool and I used to go along as a kid. Hospices are a brilliant example of volunteering and charitable work in action."

After her latest reality TV appearance in I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, Mrs Currie revealed she was set to feature alongside The Only Way Is Essex star Joey Essex in her latest venture into TV work.

She has also featured on shows such as Strictly Come Dancing, Wife Swap and Come Dine With Me in recent years.

She said she had no regrets about going into the jungle. "It has certainly raised my profile," she said. "It was a great deal easier than learning to dance on Strictly."

# Knifeman who threatened to kill is jailed for a year

**TERRIFIED shoppers watched in horror as a heavily-armed man marched down a Brierley Hill street threatening to kill someone, a judge was told.**

Timothy Little had a Stanley knife with the blade fully extended clutched in one hand and a claw hammer in the other.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the furious 34-year-old stormed along Tiled House Lane in search of a shopkeeper whose behaviour had allegedly upset his partner.

Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting, said: "He appeared agitated and aggressive."

The defendant was 'threatening to kill' as he passed shocked onlookers who included a mother with a small child.

The shopkeeper was not in the store when Little arrived and so he went outside to smash the windows of the man's parked BMW causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

## Temper

The defendant claimed to have been told by his partner that she had been 'kneed in the leg' by the shopkeeper, a claim that was denied by the shopkeeper who said there had been a counter between them, the court was told.

It was the fourth time Little had been detained after being found in possession of a bladed article, said Mr Dann.

Little was battling to overcome a drug problem and had 'poor temper control,' said Miss Wendy Miller, defending.

The defendant from Bridgend Croft, Pensnett, admitted possession of two offensive weapons and causing criminal damage on August 22 and was sent to prison for a year.

# Arrest is made after house fire

A MAN fled to safety as flames engulfed his home.

Around a dozen firefighters tackled the blaze in Worcester Street, Stourbridge, shortly after noon on Friday.

The homeowner grabbed his dog and ran to safety from the fire.

He was checked over by paramedics but did not need to go to hospital.

The blaze caused extensive damage to the terraced property.

## Investigation

An investigation was launched to find the cause of the fire.

Crews from Stourbridge and Brierley Hill attended the scene.

Firefighter Malcolm Bourne said: "It has completely gutted the lounge.

"The fire started in the lounge. All the doors were open so there is a lot of smoke damage to the rest of the house."

A man has been arrested by police in connection with the incident and was bailed pending further inquiries.

# Glimpse into the past at glass museum

Education manager Kate Figgitt looks at stained glass work by Dorothy Kettlewell in the exhbition at Broadfield House

INTRICATE glassworks depicting dragons, mermaids, cherubs and nymphs have gone on show as part of a new exhibition exploring how exotic lands and fantasy worlds inspired British glass artists over the last 100 years.

The Products of the Imagination exhibition has opened at the Broadfield House Glass Museum in Dudley.

It includes exhibits dating back to the late 1800s, when international travel was still rare.

Alex Woodward glass interpretation officer at the museum, said: "This was a time when you could not just look on Google Maps to see what the other side of the world looked like.

"You would only catch glimpses of far-flung places in travel guides and libraries, so you would take what little you knew of the place and build on it from your own imagination."

The exhibition features glassworks including decorative window panes, jugs, cups and bowls inspired by cultures around the world, with Japanese, Chinese and the Middle Eastern influences.

Mr Woodward said: "The idea for the exhibition came when I noticed that a lot of our pieces incorporate dragons.

"These themes are not specific to a single company and the people who are coming to see them are not just art fans but often historians.

The exhibition runs at Broadfield House Glass Museum until April 26.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Choir's night of song for hospice

CRADLEY Heath Male Voice Choir is performing A Night of Song to help raise money for the Mary Stevens Hospice.

The concert will take place at St James's Church, Wollaston, next Saturday (March 28).

The charity fundraiser has been organised by the Kinver fundraising Group of Mary Stevens Hospice.

Also performing alongside the choir is guest soloist Lauren Perry.

Tickets cost £8 and includes a glass of wine.

To book tickets call (01384) 877680 or (01384) 377778.

### TV gardener is society's guest

TV gardener Bob Flowerdew will be the guest speaker at a Kinver and District Horticultural Society event next month.

He will attend the event at Edgecliff High School, in Enville Road, Kinver, on April 18. The talk at 7pm will be on his new book No Work Gardening.

Tickets cost £10 from Olga's Tea Shop, High Street, Kinver, and Ashwood Nurseries. Visit www.kinverhorti.org.uk or call Rosemary Pope on (01384) 872641.

### Injured horse rider airlifted to hospital

A WOMAN suffered back and hip injuries and a suspected fractured pelvis after falling from a horse.

The incident happened in Gipsy Lane, Wolverley and the woman was airlifted by the Midlands Air Ambulance to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was also called to the incident on Saturday afternoon.

### Police in legal battle over jobs

WEST Midlands Police are fighting to avoid a massive pay out to officers ordered to retire after completing 30 years service. Almost 500 of those who lost their jobs as a result of the regulation are demanding compensation on the grounds it was 'ageist'. West Midlands Police are believed to have already run up almost £90,000 in legal fees.

### Hospice quiz night

A QUIZ night in aid of Compton Hospice will take place next month.

The event will be held at the Round Oak pub in Ounsdale Road, Wombourne, on April 7 at 9pm. Entry is £1 per person.


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## IN MY VIEW

**with Mark Andrews**

THREE teenagers have now been arrested and bailed by the Metropolitan Police, after being detained in Turkey on suspicion of plotting terrorist acts in Syria. And how exactly does this make our streets safer?

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SHOULD he stay or should he go? The great Jeremy Clarkson debate seems to divide public opinion like few other matters at the moment.

A million people have so far signed an online petition calling for the former Chronicle motoring writer to be reinstated as the Top Gear frontman.

Meanwhile a YouGov poll of 780 UK adults said that 45 per cent believe the purveyor of tweed and faded denim should be sacked over what has been quaintly described as a 'fracas'.

What I can't understand is how any of these people feel they are in a position to pass judgement. Whether or not Clarkson keeps his job must surely be down to what happened at the hotel on the night in question, and nothing else taken into consideration.

How many of the 45 per cent calling for Clarkson to be sacked, or for that matter the million people who think he's Jack the Lad, have any idea of the events that took place?

If Clarkson really did punch a producer in the face, then he's obviously on very thin ice indeed. Nobody, wherever they work, should be allowed to assault a colleague in that way, and it would be hard to see how he could keep his position.

However, if he didn't punch anybody, then he should be allowed to get on with his job. It is a matter about discipline in the workplace, not an ideological battle between white van men and Guardian readers.

If 45 per cent of the population think Clarkson is a loud-mouthed, opinionated oaf, that is fair enough. He probably wouldn't argue with them. But it is not their place to decide what we can and can't watch on television.

Top Gear is one of the BBC's most commercially successful programmes, bringing in millions of pounds for the corporation, much of which will be spent on the sort of worthy programmes the Clarkson-bashers love.

Look, I don't like Strictly Come Dancing very much, but if people want to watch it, that is up to them. I won't be starting a petition for Len Goodman to be sacked.

One aspect to the Clarkson row which seem to have slipped by unnoticed. The BBC reportedly paid nearly £6,000 to stay at the Simonstone Hall Hotel. The venue no doubt also derived considerable kudos from having some of the biggest stars on television staying there. Would it really have been too much for someone to have worked a few hours overtime so the Top Gear team could have had a cooked meal when they returned from a long day filming?

Lucy Blanche Holden outside the Park Inn in 1925

Edwin Alfred Holden pictured with his son Teddy

Director Lucie Holden with Sam the beagle

# Century of history is all bottled up

**ADAM BURLING** takes a look at Holden's brewery's humble beginnings as it marks its 100th anniversary

**A BLACK Country brewery is toasting its 100th anniversary this year – thanks to Edwin Alfred Holden abandoning plans to follow in his father's footsteps.**

Born in 1875, Edwin was the youngest of seven sons. His father Daniel was a skilled shoemaker and after he left school, Edwin initially decided to join him and older brother Walter in the family business.

He also worked in the Trust in Providence pub in Washington Street, Dudley, combining his drinking with courting the landlord's daughter, Lucy Blanche Elizabeth, who worked behind the bar.

The couple married at St Andrew's Church, Netherton, in October 1898, when Edwin was 23 years old and his new bride 20.

### Licence

Edwin's father-in-law persuaded the newlyweds to take the tenancy of The Britannia Inn at Northfield Road, Netherton where they stayed for six years. When Lucy's father died in 1900, her mother kept the licence of The Britannia and in 1904 the couple moved to the Struggling Man Inn, Dudley.

The couple went on to run a number of pubs including the Atkinson's house, The Britannia Inn in Netherton.

They ended up at the Summer House in Woodsetton in 1910, where they stayed until 1920, but in August 1915 Edwin and Lucy bought the freehold of The Park Inn in Woodsetton, where the brewery has been based ever since.

The Park Inn had a cottage and a garden at the side and at the back a well kept-bowling green and brewing equipment previously used by Atkinson's.

Former owner Edwin Alfred Holden, who died in 1920 aged 45

Harry 'Ossie' Round, the brewer at the time, brewed a very dark strong mild twice a week and a special strong ale at Christmas. By 1920 Edwin had fallen ill and he died in August, aged 45.

Lucy took over as licensee of The Park and was in charge until 1938, and son Teddy was to follow in his parents' footsteps. The bowling green was her pride and joy and it was kept in impeccable condition by a few of the regulars who were paid in pints each week.

By 1930 Lucy's eyesight was failing due to diabetes and by 1934 she was blind, though she was still active in the day-to-day running of the pub.

Teddy married Clara Perry-Hammond in June 1938, but three weeks before the wedding his mother died at The Park Inn aged 60.

From 1940-44, the firm was kept busy brewing beer for the local RAF stations, and in 1944 a third pub was added to the estate when The New Inn in Coseley in 1944 was bought 'slightly bomb damaged' for £2,500.

Edwin Holden's Bottling Company was formed in 1943 at the back of The Park Inn by Clara Holden's brothers, Samuel and Wilfred Hammond.

In August 1966, Samuel died unexpectedly aged 52, having been a director for 21 years.

His son, Paul, succeeded him, taking over the bottling in 1967 after spending two years at Phipps of Northampton Brewery as a student brewer.

In the early days, it bottled not only the Holden's range of beers but national brews for clubs, free houses and wholesalers.

The 1970s saw a move to draught cask -conditioned beer, with production running at around 200 barrels per week, or 57,500 pints and the ensuing decades saw the company expand.

### Estate

Before his death in 1981, Teddy had acquired several pubs including The New Inn, Rose & Crown, The Trumpet and had also extended the brewery.

His sons, Jonothan and Edwin, went on to increase the Holden's estate, which included the acclaimed Great Western and Codsall Station.

In 1991 Jonothan joined his father at the brewery after learning the trade at Morrell's Brewery in Oxford. Jonothan was instrumental in the creation and launch of Golden Glow which is now Holden's best-selling ale.

During the 1990s, The Ivy Bush in Smethwick, The Bell at Trysull, The Shrubbery Cottage, Oldswinford, and The Lamp Tavern, Bloxwich, were also added to the Holden's estate.

In December 2002, Edwin died, aged 57, after a short illness.

Over the next 10 years, there were purchases of three further pubs – The Waterfall, in Warley, Ye Olde Robin Hood Inn, Ironbridge, and The Fellows in Dudley.

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## WEEK IN POLITICS

**with Daniel Wainwright**

WOULD you take £1,000 from Tony Blair? The former Prime Minister is offering £106,000 to help Labour campaign in its 106 target seats.

And given that the Tories have a lot more money in their coffers, Ed Miliband's party could probably do with every penny it can get.

Labour sends out begging emails every few days. This week it resorted to one signed by David Cameron saying how much he loved Labour. The joke was that it wasn't THE David Cameron but a Scottish supporter with the same name.

But back to Blair and his campaign funds. UKIP's James Carver calls Tony Blair an 'embarrassment' and reminds everyone that he was the Prime Minister that took us into Iraq and Afghanistan. He says the donations should have been refused.

He also calls it the 'Blair rich project', which means unless he thought of that one himself there's a spin doctor working for him somewhere who is clearly earning his crust.

Labour probably doesn't need to pay too much heed to its opponents on this though. After all, that's what opponents do. They oppose stuff. Where it does need to do a bit of soul searching is among its own members.

The six constituency Labour parties around here to whom Mr Blair is handing his money – Cannock Chase, Dudley South, Stourbridge, Stafford, Halesowen and Rowley Regis and Wolverhampton South West – are all grateful.

After all, Mr Blair secured three election victories in a row. Even the 2005 one was a majority of 66 seats. David Cameron and Ed Miliband would probably consider 10 a great result in May.

It is also more than Mr Blair needed to do for Labour. He's making millions on the world stage and hardly needs to give two hoots about his old party. Indeed, to listen to some party members, you'd think he was the one who had made Labour unelectable in the 1980s.

Yet for all the things people did not like about him in the end, Labour are within touching distance of returning to government after just a single term in opposition.

Some candidates such as the one in Dundee who rejected the money, however, might feel hypocritical for accepting it if they opposed Mr Blair on Iraq.

And while the £1,000 offered will undoubtedly come in useful for leaflets and other campaign material, the big dilemma is whether it is going to be more hindrance than help.

For if Tony Blair is a divisive figure within Labour, he is even more so to the electorate the party has to win over.

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## Time we paid more tax for our services

I COMPLETELY agree with the comments made by S Matano regarding the ongoing freezing of Dudley council tax.

There can't be many families earning in the borough who are not able to contribute more towards the services provided. It is no good complaining about services being cut if we aren't prepared to pay a bit extra for them to be maintained. Most poorer families should be protected by the benefits they receive but the rest of us should pay more.

The council continually hide behind the Government's cap on council tax rises but that still gives them some scope for an increase. The same goes for income tax. This Government says it can't afford to spend as much as it would like on the NHS amongst other departments. But they are still suffering the legacy of the Thatcher years when the only way the Tories could be popular was to reduce taxes.

Now all parties are afraid to even suggest an increase which would surely put more money in the coffers.

**A ASHAMAM**
**Sedgley**

## Pensioners have paid their way

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY agree with C Gwilliams regarding his remarks about the unfair comments made by the younger generation, who seem to think we have an unfair advantage during these difficult times.

I left school at 16 and finally retired from work 51 years later. I had only six weeks when I was out of work after retiring from the military. So in 51 years of working, paying my taxes and National Insurance, my debt to the State amounts to a little over £300 in jobseekers allowance.

I have earned my State Pension, my Army pension and my occupational pension. I have paid into the funds that provide them.

I have a bus pass, I've used it three or four times since it was issued. I drive a car, so I pay into the State in the form of VAT, fuel duty and car tax. So all you moaners who think you are hard done-by — do something for yourselves instead of expecting others to featherbed you.

**TREVOR MANSELL**
**Norton**

## Penalty points for littering motorists

I FULLY agree with M Hankin's concerns about the amount of litter strewn alongside most roads within a mile or so radius of built-up areas.

It is a blight and an eyesore to the lovely countryside around here, and seems to come from throwing take-away materials out of cars and lorries and dumping bin bags.

Where I live it extends all along Manor Way and up along the motorway access road. What can be done about it? I suggest a three point penalty for drivers who throw or allow passengers to throw rubbish out of cars or lorries, plus 20 hours litter picking to ensure they understand the impact of what they are doing.

Could offenders on non-custodial sentences be put to good use by litter picking? Could the council not do more? Should there be an 'litter tax' on takeaway outlets to enable councils to clear up?

There are some litter bins but are they emptied often enough and are they placed appropriately?

More education of youngsters in schools is needed and some of the old public service adverts we used to see on TV to raise awareness of the implications of littering. Perhaps James Morris could look into the matter and take effective action to improve the look of his blighted constituency?

**A JOHN**
**address supplied**

## Sometimes better to wait

IN reply to B Whitehouse, yes in the perfect world appointments should work, the problem is that when people are sick and require an appointment it is now usual to have to wait at least five days to get to see your GP.

When a person is suffering it is not always convenient to wait days to see your own GP, personally I would rather sit and wait to see a doctor for two hours than wait five days.

Yes, I could attend the A&E department and wait for four hours and clog up a department that is for accident and emergencies. This is the problem we have with our health service or at least it's part of the problem.

So if a medical problem can wait for days at a time before you get to see your own doctor, this would be ideal for the appointment system. However, for those that want to sit and wait because they are suffering, this would be equally appropriate. When people are in pain they do not want or should not have to wait days.

**P LOWE**
**Brierley Hill**

## Seeking nuns on bicycles

CONCERNING the letter in March 12 edition from P Cole regarding the nuns.

There used to be a convent until the mid-1980s next to Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Roman Catholic church on Trindle Road in Dudley.

Could the nuns visiting the bike shop have been from there?

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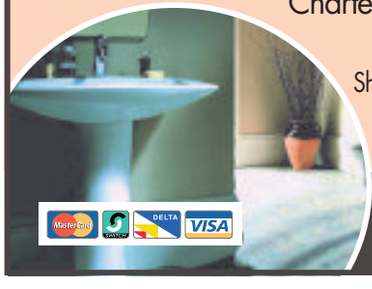

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# Busy year with host of speakers

**Wombourne WI**

ANOTHER year has gone by and WI members have been busy. They have managed to fit in monthly walks despite the weather but when it was too bad they enjoyed a meal anyway.

The ladies have been entertained by some very interesting speakers. Darren Smith, from Wombourne Fire Station, advised on safety in the home, Geraldine Brown demonstrated her skills in making military models and Hilary Thompson gave a very interesting look at life at the Rose Theatre, Kidderminster.

Richard Thompson told of the Battle of Tettenhall, which occurred in 910, Mark Hannam took members 'behind the scenes' of the world of antiques, while John Wooldridge returned to give an update on Blood Bikes.

The Harvest supper and games evening was enjoyed by all as was the Christmas party night. Competitions proved popular, with members knitting for the Premature Baby Unit, searching out photographs, Grandma's remedies, interesting antiques, old postcards and old theatre programmes.

Cakes were baked, poems written and there was fun trying to fit things into a matchbox.

In August the ladies go on an outing and at Christmas enjoy the carol service at Lichfield Cathedral. They also meet for a Christmas meal. Meetings are on the second Wednesday at 7.30pm in the community centre.

# Interest shown in talk on steelworks

**Black Country Society – Kingswinford Branch**

THE February meeting took place in St Mary's Church Hall, Kingswinford.

The chairman welcomed Dr Michael Hall, president of the society and James Morgan, chairman.

The speaker was Keith Hodgkins, a long standing member of the Black Country Society. He is also a member of the society's industrial archaeology group.

His talk was on the last days of steel making at Round Oak. Plans were well under way for the closing of the factory in the 1980s. Keith and his friend went with cameras, on several evening visits to view the factory. In spite of the glowing furnaces they saw deserted buildings and very few workers. These workers did not appear to be concerned about the visitors on the premises.

Keith showed excellent pictures of machinery in what looked like a ghost town.

December 10, 1982 saw the end of steel making at Round Oak, giving way eventually to Merry Hill. There were many ex-Round Oak workers at the meeting who found the talk of great interest.

The speaker on April 15 will be Dr Michael Hall on 'Francis Brett Young's Black Country'. Talks are open to members and non-members with a charge, to cover expenses of £1 and £1.50 respectively.

# A miller's tale is given by guest

**Kingswinford & District Historical Society**

THE monthly meeting on March heard Tim Booth speak about windmills in the Black Country.

They were first introduced into the area in the 12th century and Tim showed paintings and pictures of windmills in Smethwick, Coseley and Tettenhall.

Wall Heath, Enville and Gornal still have the remains of windmills. In early years the local miller was in demand, taking his cost of milling in flour. The industrial revolution in the 18th century saw mills changing to Forge Mills.

Usual meetings on the first Monday in the month are interrupted in April and May because of the Bank Holidays and the next meeting at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford will be on April 20 at 7.30pm. Roy Peacock will talk about 'James Foster', the Stourbridge Ironmaster.

New members and visitors are welcome. Call Ron Julian 01384 295848.

# Trip to Liverpool coming up

**Kingswinford Ladies Social Circle**

ON March 5, the ladies met for their 28th Annual General Meeting.

Chairman Sheila Evans welcomed everyone present. Business matters were read out and all reports adopted and seconded. Sheila thanked the committee for their hard work, the members for their loyal support, Kathleen Turner for an extremely interesting programme and the local papers for printing the monthly report.

She thanked The Royal British Legion and staff for all their help. She then announced Yvonne Bayton had resigned from the committee after serving for many years. Her input and hard work will be missed. New committee members will be welcome.

A trip to Liverpool takes place on September 10.

Unfortunately the entertainer did not turn up so everyone enjoyed a chat among themselves. The next meeting will be at The Royal British Legion, Kingswinford, on April 2 at 7.45pm.

# Defence review can't be excuse for cuts, says MP

Shadow justice minister Dan Jarvis, MP for Barnsley Central, talks to cadets with Ian Austin MP and Sergeant Kevin Walker

**FURTHER changes to the defence budget must be carefully considered and 'not an excuse to make cuts' a Labour shadow minister and former soldier has said.**

Dan Jarvis spoke about Britain's defence as he visited the Army Cadet Force at Ellowes Hall Sports College in Dudley.

Ellowes Hall is one of only a few comprehensive schools across the country that runs its own detachment of the Army Cadet Force.

Students complete training in a range of activities, such as first aid and shooting, as well as taking part in expeditions.

Mr Jarvis also visited Gornal British Legion to meet veterans alongside Labour MP for Dudley North, Ian Austin.

## Served

Shadow minister for justice Mr Jarvis and served in the Parachute Regiment, rising to the rank of Major across campaigns in Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan.

He praised the school's cadets scheme, saying: "It's incredibly impressive. As someone who has been in the army for a number of years I can't recall seeing a cadet force like it in any other school."

Concerns have been raised that defence cuts have rendered Britain unable to respond to threats from Russia. General Sir Peter Wall said the 10 per cent drop in defence spending meant the UK and its allies had been 'caught napping' over the threat from Russia and the rise of Islamic State.

Mr Jarvis said: "A review of defence cannot be an excuse to make cuts in the way previous reviews have been."


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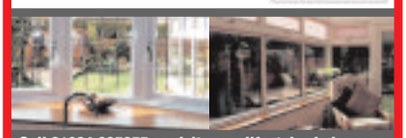

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# Barry beats path back to early days of rock

**FROM attending a school run by Franciscan Fathers to going on tour with legendary rockers AC/DC – these are just some of the chapters in the colourful life of Barry Spencer Scrannage.**

And now the drummer has started work on a book chronicling his experiences from boyhood to playing with some of the biggest names in music.

The musician, who was born in Smethwick but now lives in Stourbridge, is looking for some help with the book and the release of archive material featuring performances by musicians such as Black Sabbath.

Barry said he had a turbulent childhood in and out of care and at the age of eight, he left the Black Country to attend a school run by Franciscan Fathers in Dorset.

## Drummer

He started playing skiffle and early rock 'n' roll strongly influenced by performers such as Lonnie Donegan. It wasn't long before he was involved in his first band called The Shakedowns.

After leaving school, Barry returned to the Black Country.

At a local pub, he heard A Way of Life which featured future Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham. The pair quickly became friends and when Mr Bonham left the band, Barry took his place. During the early to mid-70s, Barry worked at Birmingham light and sound company LSD.

It was his experience in this field that led him to become a lighting technician during AC/DC's Highway to Hell tour where he became friends with frontman Bon Scott and the Young brothers Angus and Malcolm.

"Although I did not realise it at the time this was the start of the next phase of my career as a musician," he said.

"Malcolm and Angus said 'why don't you form a band?' and suggested their nephew Stevie."

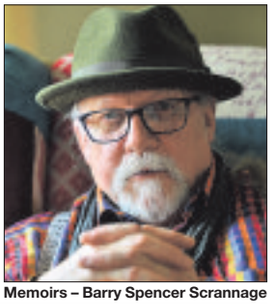
The band became Starfighters and released the single Heaven and Hell and I'm Falling. The band won a prestigious support slot on AC/DC's Back in Black tour. But Barry could not complete the tour after he was left devastated by the death of his old friend John Bonham. Barry also played on early Blizzard of Oz sessions after Ozzy Osbourne left Black Sabbath. "It was a crazy experience. I still have recordings of some of the sessions which people have never heard. I would like to get some of this material out there so it can be heard by fans," he said.

"I have already started the book which starts very early in my life.

"I have a lot of memories and a lot of stories and I want to share them."

He said if anyone wanted to help they could contact him by e-mail at barryspencerscrannage@yahoo.co.uk

Rock musician Barry seen in 1969



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Barry drums with Stevie Young in Starfighters, on tour in 1980


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# German ideas at glass museum

A MULTI-MILLION pound museum showing the history of the glass industry has been boosted after delegates returned from a fact-finding trip to Germany.

Work is gathering pace on creating the new museum in the Glass Quarter at Wordsley's former Stuart Crystal Factory.

Members of the British Glass Foundation went on a trip to the Frauenau Glasmuseum in Bavaria to gather ideas. The group included curators from Broadfield House Glass Museum, architects for the new museum, representatives from the British Glass Foundation and the developer restoring the Stuart buildings, led by chairman of the Glass Association, Brian Clarke.

Plans for the £5m museum have been brought forward by the foundation with developers, Complex Developments, which are spearheading the transformation of the former glassworks off Camp Hill. British Glass Foundation chairman Graham Knowles said the trip had proved enlightening.

# Number of appeals made over first school choices rise

**MORE parents are appealing after their children missed out on getting their first choice school places in Dudley borough.**

The number of appeals lodged by parents rose from 287 in 2013 to 323 in 2014, according to a Freedom of Information request by UKIP.

Latest figures show 2,809 children, around 82 per cent, were able to get in to a place at their first choice secondary school in the borough.

That meant one in five pupils failed to secure places at their preferred secondary schools in September. A total of 298 got their second choice, while 70 students got their third choice.

West Midlands MEP and Sedgley councillor Bill Etheridge said schools are coming under increasing pressures.

"The increase in the number of appeals from parents is very worrying as it makes you question how our schools can cope with ever increasing pressures on places and resources," he said.

## Quality

"Children have a right to a quality education in their locality and I believe strongly in parental choice but sadly more and more parents are failing to get their children accepted by their first choice schools."

Councillor Etheridge said public services were facing pressure at a time when the Government had failed to meet its immigration targets.

"How can our schools, hospitals, and indeed local authorities plan service delivery when the Government promised to keep numbers down to 'tens of thousands'?" he asked.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, in charge of children's services, refuted claims the appeals rise was linked to immigration.

"We have nothing that points to immigration being a factor on this in Dudley, on the contrary, we have sufficient secondary school places to meet the needs of all our children," he said.

"Eight two per cent of Dudley children are being allocated their first preferred school while 94 per cent have been allocated a place at one of their preferred schools and 100 per cent have been offered a place at a borough school."

# Station petition is handed over

A PETITION calling for plans to close the front desk at Dudley police station to be scrapped has been delivered to Parliament by Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

West Midlands Police announced in November that Dudley would be one of 27 police stations across the region to have front offices closed to the public. The front desks at Stourbridge, Halesowen, Tipton and Wednesbury have already been closed to the public in a bid to make savings.

Mr Austin said: "Our station is just as busy as those elsewhere but closing it would leave Dudley as the largest town in the country without a police station open to the public. I think this is completely unacceptable, which is why I launched this petition. The fact that 2,200 residents have backed the campaign – including former superintendent Mr Roger Bagley – shows that local people agree."

# WPC 56 is back on the TV beat

Claudia Jessie is WPC Annie Taylor in the TV series

AFTER impressive ratings and for its first two series, WPC 56 has returned to our screens for a third series.

The daytime drama , much of which which was filmed at the Black Country Living Museum, follows the day-to-day encountersof a woman police constable in the testosterone-fuelled world of policing in the 1950s at the fictional Brinford Police Station, a satellite town of Birmingham.

The drama's former leading lady, WPC Gina Dawson, played by Jennie Jacques – who recently starred in the blockbuster Vikings – has moved on to the Metropolitan Police Force and rookie firebrand WPC Annie Taylor has stepped in to walk her beat.

## Newcomer

Taylor, played by talented newcomer Claudia Jessie, is a determined and no-nonsense young copper determined to follow in the footsteps of her bobby father.

Jessie plays Taylor as a tough cookie, using her Moseley-born Brummie accent to full effect. WPC 56 airs at 2.15pm on BBC One.

# Prize draw for direct debit with council

DUDLEY Council is running a free monthly prize draw to win £100 in supermarket vouchers for those who sign up to pay their rent, garage rent or insurance through direct debit between now and June 2015.

Tenants can sign up to direct debit by calling the council's dedicated housing team on 01384 815024. Customers can pay on the 6th, 14th, 21st or 28th of the month.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "Using direct debit as a payment method is simple, quick, safe and is Dudley Council's preferred method.

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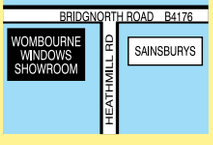


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# Respite projects are offered funds

DUDLEY Council is offering providers of activities for disabled children the chance to bid for funds.

Bids of up to £499 are being sought from providers of activities for youngsters, which enable parents to have a break from caring whilst providing their children with new and exciting opportunities. Potential short break service providers can include small charities, community and faith groups, scouts and brownie packs who offer short break activities for disabled children.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's service, said: "We are urging providers to come forward and take advantage of the funding on offer at this time and make an application."

Contact the project manager on (01384) 815813 for an application form.

# New law could be used to rid Black Country of stray horses

**A CRACKDOWN on stray horses in the Black Country is being proposed using new anti-social behaviour laws.**

It comes as councillors look to enforce new powers that could see people fined for having animals grazing on public land.

Councillor Joanne Hadley, who represents Great Bridge, has been working on the issue and says that the council is looking implement new rules introduced by the government.

Under new anti-social behaviour legislation brought in by ministers late last year, officials can now make public spaces protection orders. These orders enable authorities to ban anti-social behaviour that is causing a nuisance to people living in or nearby problem hotspots.

Bans could be introduced that would mean horse owners being given fixed penalty notices of up to £2,500 for having animals on land.

Sandwell Council has been considering implementing the new laws. Councillor Hadley says it would bring more powers to tackle the problem.

"This has been music to my ears which will help police and the council on a range of anti-social behaviour issues including horses," she said.

"It is totally irresponsible to have these horses on the land and I fear there would be a serious accident if they get into the road. We are trying to regenerate these public spaces."

Stray horses have long been a problem across Sandwell and Dudley.

Almost £100,000 was spent tackling the number of horses illegally grazing on Dudley parks and nature reserves last year.

Dudley Council has removed more than 460 horses over the past three years. Problem areas have included Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett and land around the Russells Hall estate.

# Bad smell from dead flowers

COUNCIL bosses have come under fire over a remembrance garden.

Sandwell Council said it would remove dead flowers left in vases at Rowley Regis Crematorium. It comes after George and Lilian Johnson visited from Kidderminster, only to leave 'incensed' at the foul smell of stagnant water and dead flowers.

The couple had visited to lay flowers in memory of Mrs Johnson's father. Mrs Johnson, 70, originally from Langley, said: "The smell from the vases is atrocious"

Council leader Darren Cooper said: "We routinely remove dead flowers at both Rowley Regis and Sandwell Valley Crematoria but are mindful there are many instances where families often prefer to replace floral tributes themselves."

# Mother's heartfelt marathon

School run — Jennifer White with her children twins Scarlett and Georgia, Noah and Lily

A MOTHER will be putting her best foot forward in a marathon to raise money for a defibrillator for a primary school.

Jennifer White, 41, who lives in Downing Street, Halesowen, but is originally from Blackheath, will be running the Brighton Marathon in April, aiming to raise more than £800 towards a defibrillator for Newfield Park Primary School in Halesowen.

The device delivers a shock to the heart of a cardiac arrest victim to enable the heart to resume its normal rhythm.

Mrs White has two children at the school, Lily Armstrong, nine, and Noah Armstrong, eight, and said she was inspired to raise money for the defibrillator after discovering that 12 children die from sudden cardiac arrest on a typical week in the UK.

She added many of them did not have pre-existing heart conditions and suddenly collapsed, so a defibrillator could make a difference.

"I decided that if I was going to do a marathon, I wanted it to be for a worthwhile cause and my twins start at Newfield Park in September and I wanted it to be something that would benefit my children and somebody else's children," she said.

"The new defibrillator will be kept in the community and will be available for the local community to use."

Mrs White, who used to live in American and for a while in Brighton, lives with her husband Anthony Armstrong, 40, and also has twins Scarlett and Georgia Armstrong, aged five.

Her training involves regular runs and weight training twice a week.

To sponsor Mrs White contact Newfield Primary on (01384) 818640.

# Police awards for outstanding citizens

UNSUNG heroes can be nominated for a new award by West Midlands Police. The competition has been set up to give special recognition for outstanding acts of citizenship.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "Amongst the nominations already received are many accounts of selfless devotion to the local community and acts of bravery. Although each story is different, what links them all is that each nominee has put others needs before their own. It really is quite humbling to know that there are so many kind and good-hearted members of the community willing to help their neighbours and loved ones."

There are three categories which are Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Young Citizen (under 18s) and Outstanding Community Project. Nominations close on March 31, 2015, and the winners will be announced later this year. Visit www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk website.

# Concern at bus route

A COUNCILLOR has questioned whether new bus routes will benefit the people who need them most.

The services will take passengers to Merry Hill shopping centre, Halesowen and Blackheath.

Sandwell councillor Kerrie Carmichael, who represents Blackheath, said elderly residents in Grange Road would have to walk up Gorsty Hill Road to catch the bus, whereas previously the service stopped in Station Road.

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## Grow your own course in the park

A COURSE will be held for would-be gardeners to learn how to grow their own fruit and veg.

The 10-week course at Priory Park will run from April 13 and will cover subjects such as the best crops to get started with, making use of small spaces and how to prepare soil.

Participants will work with an instructor to develop a new food garden in the Pavilion courtyard at the park. Sessions will run every Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm during term time. The course costs £10 in total.

Councillor Hilary Bills said: "We are expecting spaces to fill up quickly and I would encourage people to sign up as soon as possible."

For more information or to book a plac contact suzie.wolff@dudley.gov.uk or 01384 812474.

## Hall repairs on schedule

DUDLEY Town Hall is nearly ready to reopen next month after repair work costing around £55,000.

Repairs are to finish soon after loose ceiling plaster forced the venue to close in December, leading to the cancellation or re-arrangement of concerts.

Council officials say the ceiling restoration is on schedule and they expect lighting rigs to be in place in time for April 27's show with psychic Sally Morgan.

FOCUS ON DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE

# Council and college team up to boost apprenticeships

**APPRENTICESHIPS for young people across Dudley are getting a boost as Dudley Council and Dudley College forge a new partnership.**

The agreement will see the college become the preferred training supplier for council apprenticeships. It is aimed that the partnership will bring in a minimum of 60 apprentices each year.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "This is an exciting new partnership for young people across Dudley borough.

"It celebrates the importance that Dudley Council puts on apprentices, both as individuals and the wider impact they have on the local business economy.

"The partnership will lead to new apprenticeship opportunities being opened up across the range and breadth of the council."

### Together

In addition to the college delivering training for Dudley Council the two organisations will work together to lead the way in increasing young people's awareness of apprenticeships, holding joint careers events across the borough, promotional activities and helping partners to provide apprenticeship opportunities.

College principal Lowell Williams said: "The college works very closely

By Heather Large

with Dudley Council on a number of projects and I am delighted this partnership has now extended to include their apprenticeship training.

"Apprenticeships are essential to the continued development of the workforce within the council, and for many other employers across the Black Country, as they provide the skills and training required to support economic growth.

"The signing of this agreement during National Apprenticeship Week illustrates the council's commitment to skills development and paves the way for many local young people to benefit from employment and training."

For more information on apprenticeships with Dudley Council call 01384 811300 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers

The team behind the Black Country Festival celebrate winning the award in London

## Bostin' win for festival organisers

DUDLEY Council's public relations campaign to promote the Black Country Festival has won a top ward — and campaigners have described the result as absolutely bostin'.

Dudley beat competition from big names such as Barclays and Aldi to the honour.

Dudley Council's campaign won the Community Engagement campaign of the Year at the PRmoment awards 2015 held in London.

Events were held primarily in Dudley thanks to the support of Dudley Council communications officer Phil Parker and Councillors Pete Lowe and Ian Marrey.

Festival committee chairman Steve Edwards said: "For us to go down all dressed up to London and win, it's absolutely bostin'.

Thousands of people attended events to mark Black Country Day, July 14. Plans are already gathering pace for the third annual event.

## Zoo film to highlight architecture

A SHORT film exploring the unique architecture at Dudley Zoo has officially been launched and will be seen by thousands of visitors to the Castle Hill attraction.

Dudley-raised comedian Lenny Henry recorded the voice-over for 'Animal Architecture' which looks at the history of the hillside zoo and focuses on the design of its pioneering Tecton enclosures. It will be showcased in the new Tecton Interpretation Centre.

Filmmaker Adam Kossoff visited the zoo last spring to shoot footage as renovation work continued on parts of the site. The black-and-white film focuses on the relationship between visitors, animals and buildings. Jill Hitchman, zoo spokesperson, said: "It offers a unique snapshot of life at the zoo and looks in detail at the restoration of the Tectons."

## Black Country night at hotel

A BOSTIN' night out is in store at the Station Hotel with entertainers from the Black County.

Big Up the Black Country will feature singing, comedy and even bellydancing at the Castle Hill venue on April 10. The show is organised by Friends of Dudley Hippodrome with Marlene among the acts.

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# Black Country leaders veto Greater Brum 'Metro Mayor'

**BLACK Country leaders are demanding that the idea of a 'Metro Mayor' for the West Midlands be ruled out in talks on a combined authority.**

They say the joint body, which will oversee regeneration, transport and skills, should be called 'West Midlands Combined Authority' — ruling out completely any suggestion of a Greater Birmingham.

Councillor Darren Cooper, leader of Sandwell Council, has written on behalf of the Black Country to his equivalents in Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull to set out the 'red lines' when working together.

Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Birmingham councils have already agreed to create a joint

By Daniel Wainwright

authority but the door was left open to Coventry and Solihull.

There are concerns that if the name Greater Birmingham is used it will give the impression that it is the second city that is in charge, rather than an equal partnership with the neighbouring cities and boroughs.

## Referendum

Chancellor George Osborne continues to float the idea of a West Midlands regional mayor, despite Birmingham having already voted in a referendum to not have one.

The combined authority would allow the councils to work together on projects that benefit the whole of the West Midlands and avoid having to compete with each other for ever-shrinking pots of Government funding. In the letter Councillor Cooper says: "With regard to the notion of a Metro Mayor, the Black Country Councils would like to use the following wording in our communications: 'A Metro or regional Mayor is not part of the solution for the governance structure of the West Midlands and will not be a part of any agreements to create a combined authority.'

"Secondly, with regard to the name of the combined authority we have to think about what will be acceptable to the individual councils and the residents of the localities.

"Black Country councils believe that the name should be 'West Midlands Combined Authority'.

"We would urge colleagues to support this so that we can give clear direction to officers in regard to the name and mayor issues."

# Pledge move to protect more children

COUNCIL bosses are joining forces to call on people to make a personal pledge to help tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton councils, along with West Midlands Police were supporting the first national CSE awareness day, held yesterday (Wednesday).

## Abuse

Organised by charity National Working Group Network, the day was aiming to encourage everyone to think about and speak out against such abuse.

The seven regional councils, the police and partner organisations are working together to raise the profile of CSE and launched the See Me, Hear Me campaign last June.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services at Dudley, said: "Child sexual exploitation is a horrendous abuse crime, which has been hidden for far too long. Through our See Me, Hear Me campaign we have been increasing people's understanding of CSE and how to spot the warning signs, so the national awareness day is a great way to spread the message further."

For more information see the www.nwgnetwork.org website. The network is supported by BBC Children In Need, Comic Reliefs and The Bromley Trust.

# Cancer gave Sadie the courage to set sail

**Sadie Windmill on her yacht — she says the experience of having cancer gaver her the courage to change her life**

SHE is the school teacher who has taken to the seas to sail her boat like a heroine from an adventure novel. But Sadie Windmill has succeeded in an even greater challenge – battling a serious form of cancer.

The 44-year-old former Kingswinford assistant headteacher was stunned after being diagnosed with cancer more than two years ago.

Sadie remembers her early concerns and visits to the doctor with a swollen neck which was diagnosed as mumps. However, the problem persisted and after a consultant backed up the doctor's opinion, she decided to go private and see a head and neck surgeon.

The surgeon, John Watkinson, based at the Priory Hospital, Edgbaston, ordered tests and the next day confirmed that Sadie had chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

"We were stunned. Having never been really ill in my life it was such a shocker and took a while to accept it all," said Sadie, who was assistant head at the Crestwood School, Kingswinford.

She went to see consultant haemato-oncologist Dr Premini Mahendra – or Prem as the couple came to know her.

## Chemotherapy

Life was turned upside down for Sadie and her husband Jules as she was forced to undergo an intensive course of chemotherapy.

"Life became a whirlwind of operations, tubes, needles and hospital appointments," she said. "I had six chemotherapy treatments in six months. I won't lie, it was tough, but we were determined to remain positive throughout.

"At the end of the first cycle, the lumps were no longer visible to the eye. I also was very proactive, exercising, getting out in the fresh air, meditating and changing my diet totally," she added.

The three month tests showed that all the tumours were gone and three months later Dr Mahendra announced that Sadie was in full remission.

After they received the happy news, the couple thought they must do something life changing to celebrate the landmark moment. They wanted to see the world so boarded their yacht, with their two dogs Tinker and Scrappy, and sailed around France, Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco and Portugal.

"Every day is different. We drop anchor, catch fish, go kayaking, swim off the back of the boat, have a barbecue and walk the dogs," she said.

But the couple still keep in regular touch with Prem, returning for tests every six months .

Sadie said: "If I had never had cancer, I would never have been brave enough to do what we are doing now. We love the way of life we now lead with lots of sun, relaxation and a Mediterranean diet.

"With wi-fi and Skype we probably see more of family than ever before.

"I would never wish to have had cancer but without it I would never be leading such a fulfilled, adventurous life."

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# A life dancing together for diamond couple

Keep dancing — John and Joan Millward celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary at home in Kingswinford

**A DIAMOND wedding couple who spent 26 years dancing together say the secret to a long and happy marriage is getting on well.**

Joan and John Millward, from Kingswinford, met on holiday in 1952. Later in life, they moved to Spain and taught holidaymakers to dance.

Mr Millward, aged 82, who was an engineer before he took up dancing, said: "My mother and Joan's mother both sat next to each other at school in Aberystwyth. Later on we went on a family holiday and me and Joan met on the promenade."

The pair courted for several years before Mr Millward went into the RAF. Three years later the couple married at St Mary's Church in Kingswinford, on March 5 1955.

They had one son, Gary, born in 1961, who died aged 31.

The pair moved to Spain and taught dancing, as well as providing entertainment at popular holiday destinations, only returning around five years ago. However, the pair still enjoy travelling, having spent their diamond anniversary in Turkey.

John and Joan on their wedding day

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## New bus fleet rolling out across region

National Express West Midlands boss Peter Coates with Centro's John McNicholas and Kath Hartley

A £5 million fleet of modern eco-friendly buses will be hitting a major route through the Black Country as part of a new investment programme.

The 24 new buses will be rolled out along the busy number nine route between Stourbridge and Birmingham city centre through Sandwell and Halesowen.

National Express West Midlands have launched a fleet of new ultra low emission buses on the number nine bus route.

The new buses will reduce harmful emissions by 75 per cent and are part of a record £34 million investment in 171 new vehicles by National Express West Midlands during 2015.

With another new bus arriving every day for the next few months, by September all 171 of the vehicles will be carrying passengers across the West Midlands.

Managing director Peter Coates said: "The buses, which are all built in Britain, will have more comfortable seats, better lighting and crystal clear CCTV."

# Locos are steaming in for Spring SVR gala

**A CELEBRATION of the golden age of steam will kick off the Severn Valley Railway's 50th anniversary year.**

The Spring Steam Gala will see four visiting locomotives star alongside the railway's own mix of historical engines.

The event, from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday, will also mark the launch of a golden jubilee exhibition.

By Marion Brennan

Headlining the visiting engine line-up and making its SVR debut will be No 90733 Dub Dee, which will travel from the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in West Yorkshire. Dub Dee was built in 1945 and was shipped to Europe to aid troop and supply movements on the continent.

After the war, it found work in the Netherlands and Sweden, before being returning to the UK in 1973.

Lindsay Kendrick, of the SVR, said: "The former Great Western Railway resident No L92 returns to join the celebrations from the South Devon Railway. The locomotive used to work in the London Underground tunnels until 1969.

"Another Great Western tank locomotive built in 1919, the No 4270, also makes its debut. Visiting from the neighbouring Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway, the engine is the first member of its class to visit the SVR in 10 years and will provide a contrast to its larger cousin No 2857, based on the line. Completing the star line-up will be No 1054, built in 1888, which will also be the oldest engine in service at the gala."

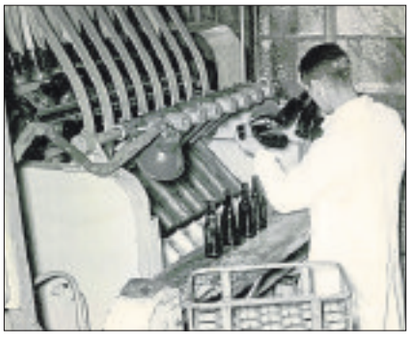
The SVR's home fleet of locomotives will be running an intensive timetable.

Friday will feature the official opening of a new anniversary exhibition at The Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley. Running a scenic route between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth, the SVR welcomes more than 200,000 visitors a year.

The Park Inn bowls team looking sharp in their suits and ties in the late 1920s

Director Edwin Holden jr, Tom Poulton, and chairman Edwin Snr

Fausto Aloia filling barrels at Holdens Brewery in Woodsetton



A worker labelling bottles at the plant during the 1950s

Bottles of ale being prepared by Holden's staff ready to distribute throughout the Midlands

# Cheers – raise a glass to brewery centenary

**THE brewing industry has changed dramatically over the last 100 years – but one of the Black Country's best known firms remains as popular as ever.**

Holden's is celebrating its centenary year, and from humble beginnings the family-run business is now expanding as drinkers return to real ale.

Although the equipment at its site has become more modern, bosses are keeping traditions alive despite seeing production soar. The essence of the brewing process remains the same as it has for decades, though the scale has increased.

One of just 33 family-owned independent breweries in Britain with 20 pubs across the Black Country, Holden's expansion will see its base at the Park Inn, Sedgley Road, Woodsetton, extended and its ale production increased from 50,000 pints a week to 75,000.

A new tank room will be completed, increasing capacity by 50 per cent. New micro breweries such as the

## MEMORY LANE

by Adam Burling

Backyard Brewhouse in Brownhills are building up a reputation but the Holden family say few can match their history and pedigree.

The extension has been built at the rear of the site, in George Street, and will see extra fermentation tanks installed.

Director Abi Kemp, whose great-grandmother Lucy was a driving force behind establishing the brewery in 1915, said: "It is really exciting year for us and it's lovely that we still have family members running the business. These are really exciting times for us.

"We are moving forward but we are a family business with a lot of history. We want to celebrate the last 100 years and give people the chance to learn about how the company has developed."

As part of the latest revamp, the old warehouses at The Park Inn were taken down and rebuilt, a new two storey office block was constructed on the site of the old off licence, and 18 new tanks installed. A test kitchen, bottle store and office suite are also part of the three-storey development.

Managing director Jonothan Holden said: "There has been a resurgence in the popularity of ales in recent time and this has been a massive benefit to us. This expansion is necessary for us to build on the business."

The brewery has a popular line of its own bottled beer now, but bosses say they want to keep focusing on draught in pubs to keep the industry going.

The Park Inn is steeped in history, with photographs of the Holden family, their workers and changes to the brewery displayed through the pub.

The brewery is hosting an open day on July 18 and 19 with guided tours and a mini beer festival.

Among other plans to mark the centenary is an ale around each of the company's 20 pubs. Those who complete the tour can then swap their completed card for Holden's centenary memorabilia. And a new brew is being created in honour of former West Bromwich Albion hero Tony Brown, called Bomber Brown.

Therese Holden, Abi Kemp and Jonothan Holden

The office and shop of Holden's Brewery, which is this year marking its centenary

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# Ex-football stars kick off quiz for pubs and clubs

Launching the sports quiz with a chance to win free beer are ex-footballers Ken McNaught, Phil Parkes and Joe Mayo

**FORMER football stars Phil Parkes, Ken McNaught and Joe Mayo were on hand to toast the launch of a sports quiz where the winners will win free beer for a year.**

Villa's European Cup winner McNaught, former Wolves fans' favourite Parkes and ex-Albion striker Mayo were joined by Sky Sports commentator Nigel Pearson at the Gatehouse Hungry Horse in Wolverhampton, to kick-off the competition being organised by Brewery giants Greene King.

The Bury St Edmunds-based brewer is running a three-week competition in pubs and clubs around the Midlands and Shropshire with the winning team of four from each venue going forward to play in regional heats and then on to a grand final. The overall champions will a year's supply, 365 bottles, of Greene King IPA

McNaught, Parkes, Mayo and Pearson will be captaining their own team of former players or, in Pearson's case, Sky Sports presenters, as they bid to prove their sporting know-how against fans from across the area.

Parkes will be joined by fellow Wolves old-boys Kenny Hibbitt, Willie Carr and Steve Daley at the Fordhouses Cricket Club in Wobaston Road, Wolverhampton, on Monday where they will take on all-comers in the first round of the quiz.

To enter a team each player (maximum of four) must be over 18. The quiz is free to enter and participating pubs and clubs can be found at www.facebook.com/route39greenekingipa, where there will also be the chance to win some fantastic signed sports memorabilia during the course of the competition. Enter by contacting Route 39 on 01902 244220.

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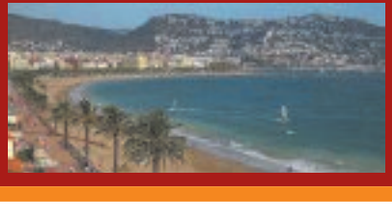

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**STEVE** 60, seeks slim blonde for no strings fun and weekends away. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413703**

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**BLACK** guy 68, feels 45, looks 40, seeks female, 58-71, GSOH, genuine, caring for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413375**

**TALL** Indian gent, 53, seeks sensual lady for friendship plus, interesting chap, discreet days in and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413315**

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**GENT** widower, late 60's, looks younger, GSOH, likes music, good food, country pursuits, seeks female, 50-60 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413173**

**TONY** young looking 50's male, 5ft 8ins, many interests, easy going, seeks slim rock chick or similar for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413275**

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**JOHN** 5ft 10ins, slim, GSOH, various interests, seeks female for friendship/relationship, 35-52. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413107**

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**TONY** young looking 50, 5ft 8ins, slim, seeks slim rock chick, trendy for dates and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413049**

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**NORTH** Shropshire male, 67, N/S, solvent, GSOH, likes walks, travel, music, holidays, countryside, seeks N/S lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412867**

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Stylish musical Top Hat was ' delivered with panache and polish by the whole

# Glitter & glamour aplenty

**Top Hat**
**Birmingham Hippodrome**

I MAY have come fresh from the office but such was the infectious style of Top Hat's opening night I felt as if I too was wearing a feather-trimmed ballgown.

There was glitter and glamour aplenty in the audience alone with long dresses and white ties on parade with the odd set of tails and even some elbow-length gloves and tiaras adding to the tableau.

Shimmering we may have been but we were no match for the sheer beauty of the show. The dresses, the art deco set, the hair, the stoles — and the cream of Irving Berlin's repertoire.

Not one, not two, but more than half a dozen classics, delivered with panache and polish by the whole ensemble.

Singing and dancing was superb and the delivery of the all-essential American-style wisecracks spot-on. The story of love sought against a crisscross of mistaken identities is engaging and fun and understandably brought the audience to its feet.

Alan Burkitt as Jerry and Charlotte Gooch as Dale were perfect as the paramours, but mention but also be made of the singing skills and chest of Sebastien Torkia as surprise love rival Beddini.

Also take a bow John Conroy whose comical man-servant Bates was an absolute joy.

**Sarah Cowen-Strong**

# The incident of Walsh's banjo gig is no accident

**Dan Walsh**
**The Woodman Folk Club, Kingswinford**

## REVIEWS

DAN Walsh looks like a student but plays like an old pro. His performance is relaxed, confident, flawless and incredibly entertaining.

The son of Stafford slaps his banjo with gusto but you can hardly see his hands moving however, you can hear the wonderful sound he makes.

The pretty much full Woodman was already fairly hot but Walsh soon turned the heat up a notch.

He is very much at ease on stage and lashed straight into Time to Stay which is the first track from his new album Incidents & Accidents, following this up he went with Four Tunes, where if you had any doubts about his ability or how good banjo music can be this should have dispelled them.

Walsh has a very friendly manner and has a natural and easy rapport with his audience.

His new album showcases his talent pretty well but you have to see him live to really appreciate his skill as a musician, especially his singing.

One of the highlights of the show was Whiplash Reel where he plays what is essentially a classical Indian raga-style which he fuses with a Celtic sound but makes his five-string instrument sound like the sitar.

Walsh has a reputation for being among the best banjo players in the world and you watch him on stage getting lost in his music and you see why people think that.

Throughout the night he kept the audience enthralled with his reels, bluegrass and blues banjo giving a real flavour of his new album.

Not forgetting his first instrument towards the end of the set he brought out his version of Paul Simon's You Can Call Me Al from where the title of his album comes.

**Danny Farragher**

# Catfish singer reveals origin of name

Soon to rock a full house in Brum, Catfish and the Bottlemen, whose name was inspired by an Australian

YOUNG Welsh garage rockers Catfish and the Bottlemen have sold out their gig in Birmingham this month.

A full house is guaranteed at The Institute in Digbeth on Saturday, March 28, when the four-piece from Llandudno will be playing their furious but melodic guitar rock, as heard on hit debut album The Balcony.

Singer and guitarist Van McCann has revealed where the inspiration for the band's strange name came from. It goes back to his childhood in Australia, where his Liverpudlian parents were travelling.

"My first memory of music is being sat outside a cafe watching a guy play a washing line with bottles on it. He was called Catfish the Bottleman. So I thought it was apt to name the band after him... I really wish I hadn't. Try telling a drunk guy that name for the fifteenth time."

They release new single Homesick on April 13.

# Vic and Bob on the road

**COMEDY duo Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer are bringing their first tour in 20 years to Birmingham.**

The pair who built on the legacy of Monty Python and Spike Milligan to reinvent surrealist comedy in the 1990s are still pushing the boundaries with their subversive sit-com House of Fools on BBC2.

Their Big Night Out, Smell of Reeves & Mortimer and alternative quiz show Shooting Stars helped change the face of comedy. Meanwhile, Vic's crooning took him to the top of the charts singing Dizzy with Black Country band The Wonder Stuff in 1991. That was the same year Vic and Bob hosted The Wonder Stuff concert at Bescot Stadium.

New show 25 Years of Reeves & Mortimer: The Poignant Years will be staged at Birmingham Symphony Hall on November 20 with an extra date at the Barclaycard Arena announced for November 23. Bob added: "Be warned, I will be not be wearing a toupé."

Vic and Bob in action

## Paloma is back for Arena concert

BRIT award-winning singer Paloma Faith will headline Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena tonight (Thursday) during the biggest tour of her career.

She had hoped to record the next Bond theme but now knows that she won't. Last month she Tweeted: "Dear @007 I've been waiting patiently to be able to sing the next theme.I was BORN to do it. Please don't give it to someone else again!"

However, she subsequently found out that she'd missed out on the chance to sing on Spectre.

"I think now because of the whole cool factor thing I'm never going to get it, and if you ask for something in this business, you don't get it," she said.

## Step into Boogie Shoes for Fever

TONY Manero will be strutting his stuff again when the hero of Saturday Night Fever will be bringing his jive talkin' and smooth disco moves to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Based on the hit movie, the musical filled with disco hits returns to the dancefloors of 1970s Brooklyn.

As Tony, Danny Bayne is getting used to filling John Travolta's shoes after starring as Danny Zuko in Grease in the West End, after winning TV show Grease Is The Word.

The fever continues at the Alex until Saturday night.

# Theatres mark centenary of American playwright's birth

## Frozen a first for ice magic

MAGIC! Coming soon to Birmingham's Genting Arena is a show that is guaranteed to be a hit with all Disney fans.

Disney On Ice presents Magical Ice Festival, the first to feature the much-loved sisters Anna and Elsa from the number one animated film of all time, Disney's Frozen.

The ice show is due to run in Birmingham from April 1-5 as part of a nationwide tour. Due to its popularity 20 extra performance have been added.

It will will see Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse bring the most magical moments from across the Disney kingdom to UK audiences.

And in a new twist on fairytale fun, comical segments from everyone's favorite Disney characters set the scene for the show-stopping on-ice stories of princesses Ariel, Rapunzel and Belle.

Sparkling – Elsa set to thrill the Disney fans

**THEATRE fans looking for plays to challenge the intellect are being well served this spring.**

Following The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-time at Wolverhampton Grand (it's back at Birmingham Hippodrome in the summer), Tom Stoppard's time-travelling play about historical fact and fiction, Arcadia, is at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Set at a Derbyshire country house in the modern day and 200 years earlier, it finds a scholar researching an episode in Lord Byron's life involving a precocious young lady and Byron's friend Septimus Hodge.

The 19th century scenes feature 20-year-old screen actress Dakatoa Blue Richards, from Skins and The Golden Compass, making her stage debut as Thomasina Coverly.

Meanwhile, there seems to be an Arthur Miller revival with the great American playwright's A View From The Bridge coming to Wolverhampton, All My Sons at Birmingham and Death Of A Salesman revived by the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon. All explore the idea of 'the American Dream' and its reality.

At the Grand from Tuesday to Saturday, the Touring Consortium Theatre mark the centenary of Miller's birth with A View From The Bridge.

Dakota Blue Richards in Arcadia

### Brooklyn

Set in the 1950s in the tough New York district of Brooklyn, it tells of an Italian-American family rocked by the arrival of two young male cousins from Sicily.

At Birmingham Rep from Tuesday to Saturday, All My Sons looks at the immediate aftermath of the Second World War for a couple whose son is declared missing in action. Miller's first success is revived by Talawa, the UK 's primary black-led touring theatre company.

Meanwhile, Anthony Sher stars as Willy Loman, who sees his hopes evaporate after a life of hard work in Death Of A Salesman, in repertoire at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre from March 26 to May 2.

The production is directed by RSC artistic director Gregory Doran and also features Harriet Walter and Alex Hassell.

Nikolai Foster's production of Jonathan Harvey's 20-year-old play Beautiful Thing is coming to Birmingham Hippodrome's The Patrick Centre, prior to a West End run.

An urban love story between two young men on an inner city housing estate, and revolving around their relationship with a loud-mouthed neighbour, it is staged from March 30 to April 11.

The cast includes former EastEnders actors Charlie Brooks (she played dangerous Janine Butcher) and Thomas Law, and Sam Jackson from Skins and Hollyoaks.

## McCartney tour to include Brum

SIR Paul McCartney has announced his first UK shows in three years – including a gig in Birmingham.

The former Beatle will play the Barclaycard Arena on May 27 and also London's O2 and Liverpool the same month as part of a European tour.

The set list will include tracks from throughout his career including songs from his most recent album, 2013's New.

The gigs will be his first UK concerts since he played the Royal Albert Hall in 2012.

Sir Paul said: "It's always great when you get to play in your home country. It's been a little while since I've performed here so we're planning a few surprises."

## Slam Dunk punk final acts named

THE final set of bands have been announced for this year's Slam Dunk festival, being held at three locations in May.

The festival, which takes place over the bank holiday weekend at venues in Wolverhampton, Leeds and Hatfield is to return to the city's Civic Halls on May 25 with various stages for a line-up of more than 50 punk rock bands.

Architects, Finch, Set it Off and We Are The Ocean have been announced as additions to this year's line up, which is headlined by You Me At Six.

For the full line up visit slamdunkmusic.com and tickets are priced at £42.90.

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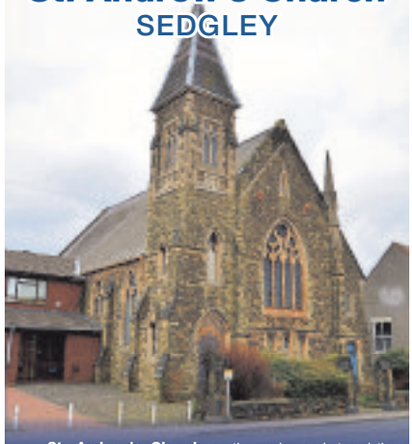

**St. Andrew's Church opened its Community Cafe recently with the aim of providing a place where people would feel welcome and comfortable as they enjoy modestly-priced refreshments.**

Feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive. The Cafe is part of the church's commitment to the wellbeing of Sedgley, alongside its much-loved "Shop" which offers all kinds of clothing, toys, books and bric-a-brac at very modest prices.

The church has tried to offer activities to which anyone is welcome. There is a Knit & Natter group where people can do some knitting (not compulsory) as they enjoy a chat and the "Hearts & Crafts" group where people can explore all kinds of activities, whether or not they have any known gifts. There is a Lunch Club too.

Many children and teenagers are part of the life of St Andrew's, attending worship on Sundays and various youth activities at other times. There is a Play Group, Carers & Tots and the building is used by the scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, beavers and rainbows.

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## CHOICE

David Starkey

**Richard III: The Princes in the Tower**
**(Channel 4, 9.00pm)**
In the week of the reburial of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, this drama-documentary explores the events of 1483, when he put 12-year-old Edward V and younger brother Richard of Shrewsbury into the Tower of London. Weeks later, he pronounced himself king and the boys were never seen again. For more than 500 years it has been thought by some that the monarch killed his own nephews to take the throne, while others believe no crime took place – and that the youngsters lived anonymously into old age. Hearing from experts including David Starkey and Philippa Gregory, the programme tests the competing theories.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v Wales (Kick-off 12.30pm). The final day of the championship gets under way with this clash at the Stadio Olimpico, as Wales look for a third away win of the tournament. **2.25** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Ireland (Kick-off 2.30pm). Coverage of the second of today's three fixtures comes from Murrayfield, as the nations play their final match of the campaign. **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v France (Kick-off 5.00pm). This year's championship reaches a climax at Twickenham, where the final standings will be decided.
**7.00 BBC News.**
**7.10 Regional Programme.**
**7.15 The Voice UK.** Emma Willis and Marvin Humes present the first live round of the singing contest, in which the 12 remaining acts perform for a place in the semi-final. After all three acts in each team have performed, Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson will choose one to progress straight through to the next stage of the competition – leaving the remaining two on each team to go head to head in a public vote.
**9.15 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin pushes the buttons to reveal the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
**9.25 The Voice UK Results.** Emma Willis and Marvin Humes announce the result of the public vote to decide which four acts will be going home – leaving Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson with just two each for next week's semi-final.
**10.00 BBC News**; Weather.
**10.20 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Newcastle United v Arsenal and Manchester City v West Bromwich Albion; National Lottery Update.
**11.45 The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures.
**1.05 Film:** Virus. (1999) A salvage tug crew boards an abandoned Russian vessel and encounters a deadly alien life form composed of pure energy. Sci-fi thriller, with Jamie Lee Curtis. **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.40** BBC News.

## BBC2

**7.10 Film:** Safari. (1956) **8.40** Six Nations Rewind. (R) **9.40** The Fred Dibnah Story. (R) **10.10** Fred Dibnah's Magnificent Monuments. (R) **10.40** The Nature of Britain. (R) **11.30** A Taste of Britain. **12.00** A Taste of Britain. **12.30** Alec Guinness: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.10 Film:** The Man in the White Suit. (1951) Satirical Ealing comedy, with Alec Guinness. **2.35 Film:** Flight of the Navigator. (1986) Sci-fi adventure, with Joey Cramer. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It!
**6.15 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don tries to revive the fortunes of the once-popular chrysanthemum, while Joe Swift has suggestions for viewers thinking of giving their garden a bit of a spring revamp. (R)
**6.45 Kew on a Plate.** Chef Raymond Blanc and broadcaster Kate Humble spend a year at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Richmond upon Thames, south-west London, to try to re-establish the long-lost fruit and vegetable plots that once provided produce for the royal table. In the first episode, spring has arrived and Raymond harvests rhubarb and plants asparagus crowns, while Kate discovers how war with France turned Britain into a nation of potato eaters. (R)
**7.45 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. (R)
**8.15 Murder on the Victorian Railway.** Drama-documentary examining the death of banker Thomas Briggs in July 1864, which was the first murder to be committed on a British train. (R)
**9.15 Film: Now Is Good.** (2012) Premiere. A 17-year-old girl is diagnosed with terminal leukaemia, and decides to make the most of the few months she has left, working her way through a list of life-changing experiences that most people have during their teenage years. Meanwhile, her parents and brother each try to cope with the impending loss in their own way. Drama, starring Dakota Fanning, Olivia Williams and Paddy Considine.
**10.50 Film: Girl with a Pearl Earring.** (2003) Period drama, with Scarlett Johansson and Tom Wilkinson.
**12.25 Film:** Michael Collins. (1996) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40 Film:** Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle. (2003) Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **3.30** Secrets from the Sky. (R) **4.00** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
**6.00 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)
**7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** Stephen Mulhern finds himself at the mercy of the Geordie duo as they once again go undercover, Ashley Roberts oversees this week's round of Ant v Dec, and the guest announcer is this year's Oscars host Neil Patrick Harris, getting in some practice before he takes the reins of the American version of Saturday Night Takeaway. Plus, the Supercomputer hits the road again and a member of the studio audience plays to win the contents of a commercial break.
**8.25 You're Back in the Room.** Five contestants team up to complete four challenges, including serving pints to Coronation Street stars past and present. Phillip Schofield hosts the hypnotism game show.
**9.25 The Jonathan Ross Show.** Russell Crowe talks about The Water Diviner, Elizabeth Hurley discusses The Royals and Lily James reveals what it was like to play Cinderella.
**10.30 ITV News**; Weather.
**10.45 Film: Burn After Reading.** (2008) Two gym employees get hold of the manuscript for a CIA agent's tell-all book and try to sell the secrets it contains. The Coen brothers' comedy, with Brad Pitt.
**12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** Trans World Sport. **7.05** Cycling: Revolution Series. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.05** Frasier. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Kelso. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)
**6.10 The Simpsons.** (R)
**6.40 Channel 4 News.**
**7.05 Selling Off Britain.** Will Hutton argues that business leaders and politicians are selling off some of Britain's best companies for a quick and easy profit, creating a dumbed-down, low-wage Britain.
**8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather.** Icebergs explode into thousands of pieces in Antarctica, locals film a rare snowstorm in the Saudi Arabian desert, and more than 10,000 seabirds are killed off the north-west coast of America when storms churn up algae in the waters, creating deadly sea foam. In Canada, tourists witness a full-circle rainbow, and a firefighter in Texas is caught up in a wave of hail so large that it shuts down the highway.
**9.00 Richard III: The Princes in the Tower.** In the week of the reburial of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, this drama-documentary explores the events of 1483, when he put 12-year-old Edward V and younger brother Richard of Shrewsbury into the Tower of London. Weeks later, he pronounced himself king and the boys were never seen again. For more than 500 years it has been thought by some that the monarch killed his own nephews to take the throne, while others believe no crime took place – and that the youngsters lived anonymously into old age.
**10.00 Film: Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.** (2012) Premiere. Fantasy thriller, starring Benjamin Walker and Dominic Cooper.
**12.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **1.05 Film:** Stakeout. (1987) **3.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.30** The Common Denominator. (R) **5.55** NFL: Rush Zone.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.10** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.45 Film:** Alpha and Omega. (2010) **12.25 Film:** Columbo: The Conspirators. (1978) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **2.25** Holiday Love Rats Exposed. (R) **3.25** The Woman with 40 Cats – and Other Pet Hoarders. (R) **4.25** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **5.25** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
**6.20 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Mike Allonby and Terry Jones repossess debtors' cars in Cheshire and Liverpool. (R)
**7.10 Police Interceptors.** A foul-mouthed pensioner pushes Barry's patience to the limit, Sarah gives a bad-boy biker an early birthday present and Jim's Audi S3 is outclassed by a car 30 years its senior. (R)
**8.00 5 News Weekend.**
**8.05 NCIS.** A marine's teeth and fingertips are found in a pickpocket's stolen purse, but the team discovers the real target may have been his ex-girlfriend, a skilled player of computer games. (R)
**9.00 NCIS.** The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and had been selling information about how to rob a warehouse full of valuable possessions belonging to a woman convicted of fraud. As the case proceeds, Tony becomes infatuated with the new leader of another team, who apparently returns his feelings. (R)
**10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** DB and the team investigate the murder of an inmate at Clark County Jail and learn the victim was working as an informant for the district attorney and the FBI.
**10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** Benson and Stabler investigate when a woman appears on a family's doorstep claiming to be their missing daughter, and says she had been abducted and kept as a sex slave. (R)
**11.50 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** Investigating whether a movie called The Great Despisers motivated an act of violence in which a teenager's father, mother and autistic sister were brutally murdered. (R)
**12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Benefits Estate. (R) **4.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**
**7.00** World's Craziest Fools **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00 Film:** Fright Night (2011) **11.40** Family Guy **1.50** Bluestone 42 **2.20** Uncle **2.50** Russell Howard's Good News **3.50** Close
**BBC Four**
**7.00** Chemistry – A Volatile History **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.50** Tales from the Royal Wardrobe with Lucy Worsley **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1980 **12.35** Kate Bush at the BBC **1.35** The Rolling Stones at the BBC **2.20** Secret Knowledge: Hogarth – One Man and His Pug **2.50** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **3.50** Close
**ITV2**
**11.10** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.35** Catchphrase **1.20** The Hot Desk: Ella Henderson **1.30 Film:** Twins (1988) **3.40** Mr Bean **4.45 Film:** Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (2003) **6.50 Film:** Wild Wild West (1999) **9.00 Film:** Rush Hour 2 (2001) **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Ibiza Weekender **12.35** Crazy Beaches **1.00** Hell's Kitchen **1.50** Fake Reaction **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
**ITV3**
**11.45** Bertie and Elizabeth **1.50** A Touch of Frost **3.55** Wycliffe **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Inspector Morse **12.15** A Touch of Frost **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
**ITV4**
**12.45** Live Snooker: World Grand Prix. Coverage of the opening semi-final from Llandudno. **5.15** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker: World Grand Prix. **11.15** Cricket World Cup Highlights **12.15 Film:** 8 Mile (2002) **2.25** Hogan's Heroes **3.00** Teleshopping
**E4**
**11.35** Marry Me **12.00** New Girl **1.00 Film:** Step Up (2006) **3.10** Melissa & Joey **4.00** Baby Daddy **5.00** Troy **5.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Daredevil (2003) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.35** Rude Tube: Mashed 'n' Mixed **12.35** Troy **1.40** 2 Broke Girls **2.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **3.45** One Tree Hill **4.30** Make It or Break It
**Film4**
**11.00** 10 Little Indians (1965) **1.00** The Phantom (1996) **3.00** Five Children and It (2004) **4.50** The China Syndrome (1979) **7.15** Airplane! (1980) **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) **10.50** Sinister (2012) **1.00** The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) **3.10** Close


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## CHOICE

Louis Theroux

**Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity (BBC2, 9pm)**
The journalist immerses himself in the world of Ohio's maximum security state psychiatric hospitals, meeting patients who have committed crimes – some horrifically violent – while suffering from severe mental illnesses. In the first of a two-part programme, Louis spends time with patients who are attempting to come to terms with what they have done and talks to the clinicians entrusted with delivering the treatment it is hoped will one day lead to their reintegration back into society.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** The Truth About Sugar. (R) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Lifeline. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

**6.00 The Big Painting Challenge.** Una Stubbs and Richard Bacon present the art competition from Liverpool, and for the amateurs' first challenge they are asked to paint their personal interpretation of the city in watercolours. With just a week until the final, two artists make the bold decision to change their styles in a bid to impress the judges. For the quick draw, the hopefuls capture the Royal Liver Building clock tower, followed by the final challenge – a busy painting of the city's skyline from across the River Mersey.

**7.00 Countryfile.** Adam Henson visits the Isle of Man, finding out about 19th-century naturalist Edward Forbes and local farming. Plus, archive items about different creatures spotted over the years.

**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** The team visits Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, where items include a 1970s barber's chair, a 12th-century Hindu sculpture and collectibles indirectly related to the Titanic.

**9.00 Poldark.** Ross puts on a brave face when Elizabeth gives birth and is angered by gossip about him and Demelza.

**10.00 BBC News.**

**10.20 Regional Programme.**

**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Liverpool v Manchester United, Hull City v Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers v Everton.

**11.40 The Football League Show.** Bristol City v Walsall. Manish Bhasin presents highlights of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley Stadium, as the League One clubs battled it out for silverware.

**12.25** The Apprentice USA. **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **6.30** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** A Taste of Britain. **12.20** Back in Time for Dinner. (R) **1.20 Film:** Day of the Evil Gun. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **2.50** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. (R) **3.30** Three Up, Two Down. (R) **4.00** Hi-de-Hi! (R) **4.35** The Hairy Bikers and Lorraine Pascale: Cooking the Nation's Favourite Food. (R) **5.35** Operation Stonehenge: What Lies Beneath. (R)

**6.35 Pompidou.** The thoughts of the penniless aristocrat turn to love on Valentine's Day and a chance meeting with a woman from a dating agency means his wishes might just come true.

**7.00 Six Nations Greatest Moments.** Gabby Logan presents a celebration of some of the most memorable moments from the rugby union competition, featuring archive action and testimonies from leading players of the past. With contributions from Jonny Wilkinson, Brian O'Driscoll, Gavin and Scott Hastings, Thomas Castaignede, Serge Betsen, Gareth Edwards, and Martin Johnson.

**8.00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve.** New series. The adventurer travels around the islands and mainland coast of the Caribbean Sea, beginning by visiting the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Puerto Rico.

**9.00 Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity.** Part one of two. The journalist visits Ohio's maximum security state psychiatric hospitals, meeting patients who have committed crimes while suffering from severe mental illnesses.

**10.00 Bluestone 42.** Nick is called in to rescue a squaddie who has trapped his helmet in an IED tripwire – but things soon take a worrying turn. Elsewhere, Simon makes a life-changing discovery.

**10.30 Film: Red Tails.** (2012) Premiere. Black US fighter pilots battle both the German air force and racism in their own ranks. Second World War drama, starring Terrence Howard and Cuba Gooding Jr.

**12.25 Film:** Donkeys. (2010) **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.45 Film:** Fletch Lives. (1989) Comedy sequel, starring Chevy Chase. **3.30** River Monsters. (R) **4.00 Film:** Twister. (1996) Action thriller, with Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton.

**6.05 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.15 ITV News**; Weather.

**6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Coronation Street actress Samia Ghadie (Maria Connor), The Last Leg's Alex Brooker, presenter Annabel Giles and comedian Julian Clary compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trivia experts in a test of their general knowledge. However, they must work as a team to build their prize pot and stay one step ahead of the Chaser. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R)

**7.30 Off Their Rockers.** Royston invents the ultimate mobile phone case, Paul tests out the world's most powerful leaf blower, and Seb steals flowers from a funeral.

**8.00 All Star Family Fortunes.** Hollyoaks actor Kieron Richardson (Ste Hay) and This Morning presenter Ruth Langsford team up with their families in an attempt to win thousands for charity.

**9.00 Mr Selfridge.** Nancy has difficulty keeping her engagement to Harry a secret from Gus, and a meddling Princess Marie makes things even trickier. Miss Mardle and Mr Grove come to blows again.

**10.00 ITV News**; Weather.

**10.15 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive.** The four remaining celebrities forage for food in the forest, endure another stormy night and face their most extreme challenge yet – crossing a 200ft ravine one by one on a rope. (R)

**11.20 LV= Cup Rugby Union.**

**12.15** The Store. **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.20** How I Met Your Mother. **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00 Film:** The Spy Next Door. (2010) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. **4.50** Channel 4 News. **5.10** Richard III: The Return of the King.

**8.00 Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales journey along the "London Ring", as it's known to narrowboat lovers, in a voyage of discovery through their home city. Starting in Brentford, they follow the Union Canal, and then the Regent's Canal until it meets the Thames at Limehouse. Along the way, they meet up with fellow actors Andrew Sachs and Ian McKellen, and visit the cemetery at Kensal Green, where their old friend, playwright Harold Pinter, is buried.

**9.00 Indian Summers.** A mountaineer saves Alice, Madeleine and Ronnie from a perilous situation and inveigles his way into Alice's affections, but she's unaware he has an ulterior motive. And when he later reveals he knows the truth about her past he leaves her in no doubt as to what exactly his silence will cost. Darius puts pressure on Roshana to accept Sita into the Dalal family fold, while Ramu is furious when he discovers Jaya has stolen his late wife's wedding dress. Dougie and Sarah work to rebuild their troubled marriage.

**10.00 Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)

**11.00 Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1.** (2011) Vampire Edward and human Bella get married, but her subsequent pregnancy has dangerous implications. Romantic fantasy sequel, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

**1.15 Film:** Bruno. (2009) Spoof documentary, starring Sacha Baron Cohen. **2.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** River Cottage Veg Heroes. (R) **5.20** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.35** The Common Denominator. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.15** Olly the Little White Van. **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Zack and Quack. **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. **9.30** Dora and Friends. **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.55 Film:** Phenomenon. (1996) Fantasy drama, starring John Travolta. **3.20 Film:** The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **5.00 Film:** A Cinderella Story. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.

**6.50 5 News Weekend.**

**6.55 Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life.** (2003) The daredevil heroine returns on a new quest, this time to search the world for the legendary Pandora's Box. However, a devious scientist is determined to get his hands on it first and realise his cunning scheme to harness the box's power as a deadly weapon. Action adventure sequel, starring Angelina Jolie, Gerard Butler, Ciaran Hinds, Chris Barrie and Djimon Hounsou. Edited for language and violence.

**9.00 Film: Alex Cross.** (2012) Premiere. A homicide cop pursues an ex-military assassin who has sadistically tortured and murdered a wealthy executive, leaving a surreal clue to the next victim. However, as the detective tries to bring the killing spree to an end, he finds his own family is also in the firing line. Crime thriller, starring Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox and Jean Reno.

**11.05 Film: Scream 4.** (2011) Three-time massacre survivor Sidney Prescott faces a new masked killer marking the 15th anniversary of the original murders. Horror sequel, starring Neve Campbell and Emma Roberts.

**1.10** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** The Restaurant Inspector. An Afro-Caribbean restaurant in Sheffield. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

**7.00** The Voice UK **8.55** The Voice UK Results **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Bluestone 42 **12.15** American Dad! **12.35** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **1.35** Russell Howard's Good News **2.05** Bluestone 42 **2.35** Jenny Bede: AAA **2.55** Muslim Miss World

**BBC Four**

**7.00** The Great War **8.20** Pop Go the Sixties **8.30** Secret Knowledge: Stradivarius and Me **9.00** Lost Cities of the Ancients **10.00 Film:** Sleep Tight (2011) **11.35** Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table **12.35** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1980 **1.35** Kings of Soul **2.35** Lost Cities of the Ancients

**ITV2**

**12.10** Take Me Out **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.50** Scorpion **2.45** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **3.40 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **5.25** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **6.50 Film:** She's the Man (2006) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00 Film:** The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2011) **1.10** Mom **2.00** Life's Funniest Moments **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

**11.35** A Touch of Frost **1.40** Wycliffe **2.45** A Touch of Frost **4.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.50** Inspector Morse **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35 Film:** Steptoe and Son (1972) **1.30** Perspectives: Lenny Henry – Finding Shakespeare **2.20** Judge Judy **2.40** Wycliffe **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**

**11.45** Storage Wars **12.45** Live Snooker: World Grand Prix. Coverage of the opening session of the final from Llandudno. **5.15** Storage Wars **5.40** River Monsters **6.45** Live Snooker: World Grand Prix. **11.15 Film:** Fearless (2006) **1.25** Minder **2.30** Nitro Circus **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**12.30** Revenge **1.30** The 100 **2.30** Rude(ish) Tube **2.55** How I Met Your Mother **3.55** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.20 Film:** Gulliver's Travels (2010) **9.00** Troy **10.00** Rude Tube: Mashed 'n' Mixed **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.35** Tattoos After Dark **12.35** Taking New York **1.40** Rules of Engagement **2.30** The New Normal **3.20** Hollyoaks

**Film4**

**11.00** The Producers (1968) **1.00** Taxi (2004) **3.00** The Last Mimzy (2007) **4.50** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **6.55** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** Hitman (2007) **10.50** Notorious (2009) **1.15** The Ballad of Jack and Rose (2005) **3.35** Close

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# FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**
**Tears of the Sun, Channel 5, 10.55pm**
A veteran lieutenant leads an elite Navy Seal team on an undercover mission to evacuate a doctor from crisis-torn Nigeria. However, the brutality of the conflict prompts the rescuers to disobey orders and intervene to save the lives of helpless refugees. Action drama, starring Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser and Eamonn Walker. (2003)

**TUESDAY**
**The Vow, Channel 5, 11pm**
A newlywed couple are involved in a car accident, and the wife wakes up with no memory of her husband. While he tries to get her to fall in love with him all over again, she is reunited with her estranged parents, who never approved of the marriage and see her condition as a chance to make a fresh start. Romantic drama, with Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum, Jessica Lange and Sam Neill. (2012)

Tears of the Sun, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

**WEDNESDAY**
**The Devil's Double, BBC1, 11.15pm**
An Iraqi soldier is forced to become a double for Saddam Hussein's sadistic son Uday to distract assassins. His new role plunges him into a world of depravity, as he becomes a first-hand witness to the acts of murder and violence Uday routinely indulges in. Drama, starring Dominic Cooper, Ludivine Sagnier and Philip Quast. (2011)

**THURSDAY**
**Montana Sky, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
Three women with the same father but different mothers meet for the first time after their estranged father dies. They discover he has left them his ranch in his will - on the condition that they run the estate together for at least a year. Unfortunately, they soon learn the old man had enemies determined to make sure they fail. Drama, starring Ashley Williams and Laura Mennell. (2007)

**FRIDAY**
**Glory, BBC2, 11.35pm**
Fact-based historical drama chronicling the story of the first all-black regiment to fight in the American Civil War, and the inexperienced officer given the job of training the men and leading them into battle. Starring Matthew Broderick, Cary Elwes, Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington, who received an Oscar for his performance. (1989)

# PICK OF THE WEEK

## Clegg makes a decision in the Nick of time

Rumours, back-stabbing, double-dealings and u-turns – such things are about to dominate the headlines as a general election is looming large on the horizon.

While most of the media world seems to have got caught up in the will-he-won't-he tales involving David Cameron and the televised leadership debate he seems to be reluctant to participate in, Channel 4 has quietly been putting together Coalition, a drama about, you guessed it, the coalition.

The station is no stranger to political dramas, having already backed such acclaimed shows as Mo, Complicit and The Deal. Sadly, it was also behind UKIP: The First 100 Days, the fictionalised documentary which received a bashing from critics and audiences alike when it was broadcast last month.

However, Coalition promises to be rather more impressive.

It's been written by James Graham, who is sticking with politics for his next project – the stage play The Vote, which will form part of the Donmar Warehouse's spring season; More4 will also broadcast the production live on the night of the election itself.

Coalition focuses on the rise of Nick Clegg. In 2010, he was the leader of the Liberal Democrats, and barely anybody gave him a second thought – he certainly wasn't regarded as a possibly major player.

However, taking part in the UK's first-ever televised leaders' debate changed all that. Suddenly, thanks to an impassioned speech, he became an unlikely hero, someone who gave rivals David Cameron and Gordon Brown a wake-up call – or at least a kick up the backside.

"I believe the way things are is not the way things have to be," he famously stated. "We have a chance to do things differently for once."

Then, after the election, he was given the opportunity to form a coalition – and, as this drama reveals, Clegg's moves at that time became one of the most influential and significant political decision of recent years.

"In May 2010, British politics was faced with a dilemma it hadn't had to face in peacetime for over 75 years," says Graham. "The public were asked 'who should govern,' and they came back with the answer – 'we don't know.' Those historic, dramatic few days put personalities at the heart of politics – and the choices made, I believe, changed the face of British politics forever.

"What we try to capture in this drama is the tension, the high stakes, and the frequent farcical and absurd nature of what happens when a power is wrangled, negotiated and fought over like children trading cards in the playground."

Clegg is played here by Bertie Carvel, who is in the midst of a big year career-wise – as well as Coalition, he is set to appear in the BBC's eagerly awaited adaptation of Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.

Ian Grieve plays outgoing Prime Minister Gordon Brown, a role he's accustomed to after starring on stage in The Confessions of Gordon Brown, while Mark Dexter plays David Cameron.

Look out too for Mark Gatiss, who's on fine form as Peter Mandelson.

Bertie Carvel stars as Nick Clegg in Coalition, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

# BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**
**Trevor McDonald Meets the Mafia**
**ITV, 9pm**
The Godfather, GoodFellas, The Sopranos – the shadowy world of the US Mafia has inspired some incredible dramas. But how realistic is their depiction of a life of organised crime? We're about to get an insight, as in this two-part documentary, Trevor McDonald gains unprecedented access to some of the people who have experienced the money, the glamour and the violence first hand. The veteran broadcaster starts his journey in Queens, New York, where he meets John Alite, aka The Sheriff, who explains how he began his ascent up the ranks following the orders for the infamous John Gotti Snr during the 1980s and 1990s. But while would-be mobsters may have to prove their loyalty, the consequences for betraying their fellow criminals can be severe...

**TUESDAY**
**Ordinary Lies**
**BBC1, 9pm**
Fun-loving receptionist Tracy longs to escape her mundane life. It seems she has found the answer when she starts dating local DJ Jimmy, who offers to whisk her and her workmate Viv off on an all-expenses-paid trip to the Caribbean. A free exotic break seems too good to be true - and sure enough, it soon becomes clear there is more to the holiday than meets the eye. Meanwhile, Beth's suspicions grow when she discovers the identity of her husband's late-night caller. Michelle Keegan (Coronation Street) stars.

**WEDNESDAY**
**24 Hours in A&E**
**Channel 4, 9pm**
Hospital dramas are hardly in short supply these days, but it turns out we love a hospital-based documentary just as much as much as the fictional stuff, as this award-winning series continues. The episode looks at families whose strong bonds have seen them through the worst that life can throw at them. Les lost control of his Land Rover, and has been admitted to St George's with lacerations on his head. He'll need emergency surgery, and the team test for underlying head and neck injuries, while his dad Michael rushes to his side. Meanwhile, Cambelle, a 21-year-old plumber, has an infected cyst, and 67-year-old retired doctor Patrick has been involved in horse-riding accident, in which he was dragged 130ft and not found for more than two hours.

Ordinary Lies, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

**THURSDAY**
**Richard III: The King Laid to Rest**
**Channel 4, 8pm**
This final programme in Channel 4's coverage of the reburial of Richard III provides highlights of the service from earlier today at Leicester Cathedral, alongside a live broadcast of a last moment of intimate ceremonial, in which the king's descendants, and those who led the campaign to find his remains, gather to bid him a final farewell. The Bosworth beacon, lit when Richard's remains arrived back at the site of his death on Sunday morning, will be extinguished as the tombstone is revealed for the first time.

**The Truth About Calories**
**BBC1, 9pm**
In the second documentary on health issues, Chris van Tulleken runs a series of experiments to get to the bottom of calories. He tests the real calorie content of randomly selected supermarket foods – finding that the labels aren't always accurate – and examines the best way to burn them off. For this he gets three families to engage in different activities after a big fry-up – from a tough workout at the gym to relaxing on the sofa. He also reveals a few kitchen secrets, managing to strip 360 calories out of steak

**FRIDAY**
**Marvel's Agents of SHIELD**
**Channel 4, 8pm**
With Avengers: Age of Ultron about to dominate cinemas, and Daredevil and Agent Carter focusing on the small screen, Marvel's quest for media domination shows little sign of abating. And with this returning series offering plenty of clues for fans of the comic book universe, fan boys and girls alike will be thrilled as Agent Coulson and his eclectic band of crimefighters return after their mid-season break. As alarming revelations threaten to destroy them, Coulson and the agents are faced with the consequences of their war with Hydra. Their foe makes a risky move that could involve a traitor in SHIELD's midst. Series regulars Clark Gregg, Ming-Na Wen, Chloe Bennet and Iain De Caestecker head the cast.


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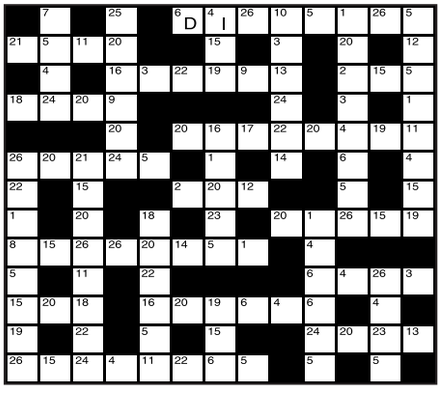

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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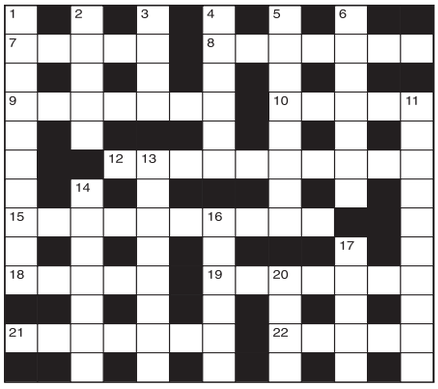
## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



### Cryptic Clues:

**Across**

**7.** The way the tour is diverted to the East (5)
**8.** Becomes snarled up at corner in back-street (7)
**9.** An insult to a seaside promenade, we hear (7)
**10.** The French travel south to Nigerian port (5)
**12.** You could find these right in the main shopping centre (4,6)
**15.** Right-handed key (6,4)
**18.** This coin was a sovereign (5)
**19 & 13Dn.** This will deceive the pupils (7,8)
**21.** Individual after different name for a flower (7)
**22.** Get to the bottom and connect the pipe-line (5)

**Down**

**1.** Normal, neat decorative arrangement (10)
**2.** They went round the necks of thugs, we hear (5)
**3.** Famous fiddler in Stainer oratorio (4)
**4.** What the needle produces is an acute pain (6)
**5.** Take out of gear (8)
**6.** Did some signalling, but became weary (7)
**11.** Complete black suit needed by one who goes round the course (3,2,5)
**13.** See 19 Across
**14.** Declines to put rubbish on the top of the scrap-heap (7)
**16.** Mob round the East whooped in triumph (6)
**17.** Show disdain for one who reconnoitres (5)
**20.** Betty Perkins to do some secretarial work inside (4)

### Quick Clues:

**Across**

**7.** Precept (5)
**8.** Flood (7)
**9.** A month (7)
**10.** Sugary (5)
**12.** Affirm (10)
**15.** Emphasise (10)
**18.** Lock (5)
**19.** Relations (7)
**21.** Dirty (7)
**22.** Goodbye (5)

**Down**

**1.** Book-keeper (10)
**2.** Join (5)
**3.** Door handle (4)
**4.** Famish (6)
**5.** Expectation (8)
**6.** Indefinite (7)
**11.** Huge (10)
**13.** Ominous (8)
**14.** Shriek (7)
**16.** Harsh (6)
**17.** Coach (5)
**20.** Tidy (4)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Restraint; 8 Air; 9 Incantation; 11 Artiste; 12 Posts; 13 Canvas; 15 Prefer; 17 Avast; 18 Celsius; 20 Tuition fees; 22 Ewe; 23 Elephants. Down: 2 Eon; 3 Rings; 4 Images; 5 Tripper; 6 Sands of time; 7 Treasures; 10 Cotoneaster; 11 Archangel; 14 Astride; 16 Scribe; 19 Lunch; 21 Eat. QUICK - Across: 1 Prostrate; 8 Let; 9 Storm-signal; 11 Builder; 12 Baste; 13 Idiocy; 15 Repose; 17 Knave; 18 Patriot; 20 Intercepted; 22 Set; 23 Respected. Down: 2 Rat; 3 Timid; 4 Aviary; 5 Ennoble; 6 Illusionist; 7 Statement; 10 Originality; 11 Briskness; 14 Creator; 16 Sports; 19 Theme; 21 Ere.

## Quiz

1. Who is credited with discovering penicillin in 1928?
2. In which country are the Queen's bodyguards the Royal Company of Archers?
3. What was IRA man Dominic McGlinchey's nickname?
4. Who wrote Strangers on a Train?
5. Which bird has honey and rough-legged varieties?
6. Which country was formerly known as the Gold Coast?
7. Which skier is known as La Bomba?
8. Who wrote Our Man in Havana?
9. Which river divides Kentish Men from Men of Kent?
10. Which composer's Adagietto from his 5th Symphony was used in the film Death In Venice?

**Last week's solutions:**

**Quiz:** 1 Henry VIII; 2 James Herriot; 3 Essex; 4 Rene Descartes; 5 Grandsons; 6 Wild pansy; 7 Heroin; 8 Daniel Radcliffe; 9 Robinson Crusoe; 10 Inter Milan.

**Niner:** UNLOCATED

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

**578** gives a nocturnal mammal,
**98678** gives a kind of weasel,
**31249** gives insects.

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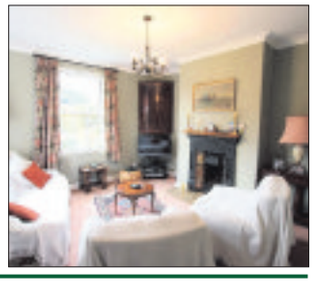

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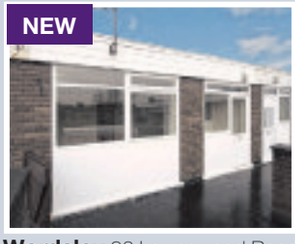
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NEW
SUMMER STREET
£470 pcm*
Mid Terrace Property, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Part Furnished

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£675 pcm*
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KINGSWINFORD

OAKFIELD AVENUE
£795 pcm*
Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished, Garage & Off Road Parking

PENSNETT

TANSEY GREEN ROAD
£610 pcm*
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

DUDLEY

STOURBRIDGE ROAD
£550 pcm*
Large First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED

DUDLEY

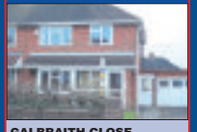
ATTINGHAM DRIVE
£350 pcm*
First Floor Studio Apartment, Communal Entrance, Open Plan Kitchen, Lounge/Dining/Bedroom Area, Shower Room, Car Port, Communal Grounds, Double Glazing, Electric Heating

COSELEY

ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE
£395 pcm*
First Floor Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

AMBLECOTE

KING WILLIAM STREET
£380 pcm*
SHARED ACCOMMODATION, Part Furnished, Communal Kitchen & Bathroom, Two Bedrooms (occupied), FIRST FLOOR: Two Bedrooms, (one occupied), Office, Communal Toilet with wash hand basin, RENT INCLUDES UTILITY BILLS

COSELEY

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£625 pcm*
Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Downstairs Cloakroom, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Off Road Parking for 1 - 2 cars, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED

BRIERLEY HILL

DADFORD VIEW
£375 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/ Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Allocated Parking, Front Garden, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED

BRIERLEY HILL

BISELL WAY
£395 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking

COLLEY GATE

WINDMILL HILL
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DUDLEY

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# Detached house in quiet cul-de-sac

**IN a quiet cul-de-sac on Hawkswood Grange, this three-bedroomed detached house in Teal Grove, Wednesbury, is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £159,995.**

With gas central heating and double glazing it has an entrance hall, WC, a lounge with a feature fireplace and a kitchen with an integrated electric oven, gas hob and cooker hood, three bedrooms and a bathroom, driveway parking leading to a garage with small lawned frontage and a rear garden with lawn and a bark chip play area.

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## DUDLEY

Yarner Close, Milking Bank

- A DETACHED property
- Milking Bank address
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility room
- FOUR bedrooms
- En-suite & house bathroom
- Garage and driveway
- EPC Rating - C

£[illegible]

## SEDGLEY

Gospel End Road,

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- An excellent size DETACHED
- Gospel End address
- Open plan & modern kitchen
- Utility room, play room
- FOUR bedrooms,
- Two en-suites
- Driveway parking
- Garage & private rear garden.
- EPC Rating - D

ASKING PRICE £[illegible]

## COSELEY

Flamborough Way,

- BEAUTIFULLY presented detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Exceptional open plan design
- Large Kitchen/breakfast/diner
- Large 'L' shaped lounge
- FIVE Bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## COSELEY

Flamborough Way,

- A MODERN DETATCHED
- Cul-de sac location
- Kitchen and utility
- Conservatory
- FOUR bedrooms
- En-suite & house bathroom
- Rear Garden & driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## GORNAL WOOD

REDUCED

The Alley,

- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Pleasantly located near to country park
- Lounge and conservatory
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage and drive
- Ideal family home
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

## COSELEY

NEW

The Crucible,

- A DETACHED family home
- Cul-de-sac location
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Good size breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite and integral garage
- Well maintained rear garden
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £264,950

## COSELEY

Upper Ettingshall Road,

- A DETACHED property
- Popular residential area
- In need of some modernisation
- Lounge AND dining room
- TWO bedrooms * Ensuite
- Fully Upvc double glazed,
- A garage and driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500

## DUDLEY

Attingham Drive,

- A Modern TOWN HOUSE
- Set over three storey's
- Contemporary & spacious
- Lounge & dining Kitchen
- FOUR double bedrooms
- Two En-suites & family bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - B.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## OLD PARK FARM ESTATE, DUDLEY

19a Mulberry Green,

- A BRAND NEW Dormer Bungalow
- 10 year Builders guarantee
- Large 'L' shaped kitchen
- Good size lounge
- TWO bedrooms Upstairs
- Dining Room/3rd bedroom
- En-suite and house bathroom
- Driveway and GARAGE

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## SEDGLEY

Brownswall Road,

- A traditional style Semi-detached
- Ever popular Brownswall Estate
- Open plan style lounge/dining
- TWO bedrooms
- Good size tandem garage
- Beautiful rear gardens
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## WOLVERHAMPTON

REDUCED

Wolverhampton Road East,

- A WELL PRESENTED semi-detached
- Close to Wilton & Sedgley
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility room
- THREE bedrooms
- Secure OFF ROAD PARKING
- An ideal family home
- EPC Rating - D

£[illegible]

## COSELEY

Bullsworth Close,

- A MODERN style semi-detached
- Pleasant cul-de-sac location
- Ideal FAMILY HOME
- Lounge * Kitchen
- THREE bedrooms
- Full UPVC double glazing
- Gas centrally heated
- Garage and driveway
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## WOMBOURNE

Cranwell Green,

- A modern semi-detached property
- DETACHED SINGLE GARAGE
- Large block paved driveway
- Lounge and modern kitchen
- THREE bedrooms
- Upvc double glazed windows
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## COSELEY

Ivyhouse Lane,

- Traditional Style semi-detached
- Deceptively spacious & contemporary
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen * Conservatory
- Modern Bathroom
- TWO good size bedrooms
- Garden, garage & utility
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

## ROSE STREET, COSELEY

NEW

Maple Court,

- A first floor flat
- Beautifully presented
- ONE bedroom
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Contemporary bathroom
- Communal Parking
- Ideal investment
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £[illegible]

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## AUCTION - 24th MARCH 2015

**14 LONGDON AVENUE, GOLDTHORN PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON**

Well presented three bedroomed Semi., through lounge, Conservatory, kitchen, utility, bathroom, Gas CH., garage, attractive rear garden. EPC: D66

***Guide: £140,000 / £145,000***

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 10.00 a.m.**

**193 DIXON STREET**
**WOLVERHAMPTON**

***Investment***

Mid Terraced, hall, lounge. kitchen, rear hall, wc., three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH, rear garden, off-road parking EPC: C.74

***Guide: £65,000 / £70,000***

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 10.30 a.m.**

**426 PENN ROAD**
**WOLVERHAMPTON**

Large and impressive Freehold building converted to three flats -
Flat No. 2 (First Floor) breakfast room, lounge, inner landing, bedroom 1 with en suite shower, bedroom 2, w.c. EPC: F.34
Flat No. 3 (Second Floor) lounge / kitchen area, double bedroom, bathroom. EPC: G2
(NOTE: Ground Floor Flat No. 1 - in separate ownership and not included in sale).

***Guide: £70,000 / £80,000***

**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 11.15 a.m.**

**84 BELMONT ROAD**
**PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON**

Detached House in popular district, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry, garden lounge, wc., three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH., large extended garage, garden with double gates on rear boundary. EPC: E.50

***Guide: £120,000 / £125,000***

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 11.00 a.m.**

**19 MILL LANE, TETTENHALL WOOD, WOLVERHAMPTON**

Excellent location with open land to rear Spacious Semi, lounge, dining area, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom, Gas CH., garage & off-road parking, enclosed rear garden. EPC: C.73

***Guide: £150,000 / £155,000***

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 12.00 noon**

**175 PENN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON**

An impressive double fronted residence in prime location. Wide hall, through lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, lobby, wc and store, fine landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom. Outside: loggia, lovely gardens with wooded backdrop. EPC: G19

***Guide: £240,000 / £260,000***

**VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 20th & 21st MARCH @ 12.15 p.m.**

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# Detached family home is in a sought after area

**NUMBER 57 Melrose Avenue, Pedmore, is a detached family residence in a sought after area.**

It is for sale through Andrew Grant at £365,000.

It has off-road parking, an entrance hall with stairs off, WC, living room with a bay window and a living flame effect gas fire.

There is a dining room with a patio door, kitchen diner with an extractor, dishwasher, fridge and microwave and dining area, utility, study, four bedrooms (master en-suite), a bathroom, garden with a patio and a garage.

For further details contact Andrew Grant on 01384 440993 or visit the www.andrew-grant.co.uk website.

# £129,500 tag on this extended 1920s semi

A traditional 1920s semi-detached home, 6 Cannock Road, Wolverhampton, has been extended and is for sale through Rees Page at £129,500 with no chain.

It has a porch, entrance hall, reception hall, sitting room with bay window and gas fire, dining room with gas fire, kitchen with splash-back tiling and tiled flooring, verandah, WC, three bedrooms (one with fitted furniture), a bathroom with storage and a P-shaped bath.

There is a large garden with lawns and a patio, driveway and a garage.

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£695pcm

EPC: TBC
Sedgley
Bath Street
- Three bed semi
- Off road parking
- Garage
- Centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Modern bathroom with shower
- Landscaped gardens

£650pcm

EPC: TBC
Dudley
Longfellow Road
- Three bedroom semi
- Double glazed and gas centrally heated
- Dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower

£650pcm

EPC: D
Rowley Regis
Powke Lane
- Four bed detached house
- Lounge with coal gas fire
- Dining room
- Kitchen with appliances
- Main bedroom with en-suite facilities

£895pcm

EPC: D
Tividale
City Road
- Three bedroom semi
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom
- Rear garden

£525pcm

REDUCED
EPC: C
Tipton
Leveson Drive
- Three bed semi
- GCH & DG
- Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Alarmed

£625pcm

REDUCED
EPC: TBC
Tipton
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**KINGSWINFORD, Cedars Avenue**

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No upward chain **£295,000**

New

**Kingswinford, Dene Avenue**

A SUBSTANTIAL & ENLARGED LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME with a LARGE DORMER LOFT CONVERSION, well placed for schools, offering a LARGE LAYOUT including FIVE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM. BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and a SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC D

**£284,950**

**SEDGLEY, Off Lime Road, The Bungalow**

Approached from Lime Road, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, double glazed FOUR/FIVE bedroom detached family residence with DISTANT VIEWS comprising; hall, two through living rooms, sitting room, CONSERVATORY, shower room, kitchen, lobby, two double bedrooms. To first floor two further bedrooms (one with en suite) Parking, gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £255,000**

**QUARRY BANK, Coppice Rise**

This WELL PRESENTED, SUBSTANTIAL, DETACHED HOME enjoys a superb corner setting within this respected address and comprises: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Guests W.C, Kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE), Bathroom, GARAGE & Garden. EPC D

**£244,950**

New

**KINGSWINFORD, Windermere Drive**

Superbly located upon 'Mayfields', just a short walk from the heart of Kingswinford, this DISTINCTIVE 'DAVID PAYNE' THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE includes a CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, plus DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC E

No upward chain **£219,950**

**KINGSWINFORD, Essex Avenue**

Delightfully situated within this exclusive cul de sac just off Ridge Road, close to excellent schooling, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a SPACIOUS, ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED layout, DRIVEWAY and LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN. EPC E

New price **£199,950**

**WALL HEATH, Brook Street**

A DECEPTIVELY LARGE, DETACHED HOUSE upon the fringes of countryside offering a generous layout including Hall, WC, huge lounge, dining room, kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and luxury shower room. DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and SUNNY GARDEN. EPC D

No upward chain **£194,950**

**KINGSWINFORD, Green Lane**

This BRAND NEW SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE recently completed in this mature address near Park and Schools is SUPERBLY APPOINTED with: Porch, Hall, Cloaks off, LARGE LOUNGE, Feature KITCHEN/DINING ROOM, THREE BEDROOMS, 'Designer' BATHROOM, UPVC D/G and GAS C/H. EXTENSIVE PARKING and PATIO/LAWNED GARDEN. EPC:B.

**£184,950**

New

**WORDSLEY, Oak Park Road**

A THOUGHTFULLY & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME within this very popular address, offering a spacious and beautifully presented THREE BEDROOM layout, DRIVEWAY and beautifully landscaped rear garden. EPC E

**£159,950**

**KINGSWINFORD, Fellows Avenue**

Superbly located within this highly sought after address, this TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is enhanced by TWIN GARAGES and provides EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR MODERNISATION, plus DRIVEWAY and a low maintenance patio rear garden. EPC D

No upward chain **£159,950**

New

**QUARRY BANK, Acres Road**

Situated within this ADMIRED ADDRESS, This WELL PRESENTED, EXTENDED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME, benefits from THREE LARGE BEDROOMS and is in close proximity to POPULAR SCHOOLING. Also comprising: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Substantial Rear Garden. EPC D

**£155,000**

New

**NETHERTON, Purlin Wharf**

SUBSTANTIAL AND EXPENSIVELY FURNISHED, MODERN, THREE STOREY HOME benefiting from THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS and THREE SHOWER ROOMS! Also comprising: Attractive Sitting Room with Dining Area, Modern Kitchen, Utility, Driveway, Garage and Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC: C

**£149,950**

**WOODSETTON, Park Close**

ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached upon WIDE CORNER PLOT at head of cul-de-sac briefly comprising; porch, hall, lounge, pantry, dining room, CONSERVATORY, kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' finish units.Three bedrooms, bathroom with white contemporary 'utopia' suite, garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price **WAS £150,000, NOW £144,950**

**LANESFIELD, Ward Grove**

OUTSTANDING! - modernised, enlarged, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout comprising; magnificent 20'10" refitted kitchen, shower room, lounge, CONSERVATORY, staircase up to boarded loft space with velux skylights.. Parking & expertly tended garden .EPC :E SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £121,950**

**PENSNETT, Hamble Close**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, STYLISH AND EXPENSIVELY FURBISHED, SEMI DETACHED HOME comprises: Hall, Attractive Sitting Room with Dining Area, Modern Kitchen, Contemporary Bathroom, Separate W.C, Garage, Garden AND also TWO GENEROUS FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS AND A VERSATILE LOFT SPACE with a VARIETY OF USES. EPC E

New price **£119,950**

**COSELEY, Pemberton Road**

Modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end terrace conveniently situated in well regarded district. Accommodation comprises; dining room, inner lobby, store, cellar, lounge, upgraded kitchen. Two bedrooms, spacious bathroom with a white suite. Private side access to secluded rear garden (NO RIGHTS OF WAY) with DOUBLE GARAGE (With driveway for additional parking for 2 cars). EPC: E SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £116,450**

New

**UPPER GORNAL, Greenhill Road**

SPACIOUS, uPVC single glazed end "starter home" that has been conscientiously maintained but offers further potential, and with rare advantage of REAR VEHICULAR ACCESS (from Inhedge Street). Accommodation provides; hall, 21 ft through living/ dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Lobby, stores and a w.c. Neat garden, gated/ tarmacadam parking, sheds. EPC: T.B.A,. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £114,950**

**NETHERTON, Cinder Bank**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and IMPRESSIVLEY APPOINTED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should ideally suit FIRST TIME BUYERS and briefly comprises: Hall, Stylish Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC D

New price **£114,950**

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**Offers in the Region of £247,500**

**SEDGLEY, Bath Street**

EXCITING CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! - Fastidiously appointed recently built SPACIOUS detached.Hall study lounge, OUTSTANDING Dining Kitchen Lobby laundry F/cloaks; FOUR Bedrooms (2 en-suite)bathroom DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £243,000**

**LOWER GORNAL, The Alley**

Exceptionally stylish, split level DETACHED imaginatively designed to take full advantage of sloping site with PANORAMIC VIEWS. Presented to an exemplary standard the gas radiator centrally heated, double glazed accommodation provides; entrance vestibule, "open plan" lounge/dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen, bathroom. To the lower ground floor rear hallway, store, and two double bedrooms. Garage, magnificent garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £224,950**

**WOLVERHAMPTON, Camberley Crescent, Ettingshall Park**

Outstanding, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached with LARGE block paved drive to front which offers parking for two vehicles and a side drive offering parking for multiple vehicles comprising; hallway, lounge, refitted kitchen, 'sun room', utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price — **WAS £174,950, NOW £169,950**

**WORDSLEY, Edinburgh Crescent**

Enjoying VIEWS TOWARDS CLENT from this delightful cul de sac, this ENLARGED TWO / THREE BEDROOM DORMER BUNGALOW requires some cosmetic updating, yet FANTASIC POTENTIAL, plus DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a broad, beautifully laid out rear garden. EPC F

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# A6 Allroad a standout model

## By Graham Breeze

**Audi has given the already successful A6 Allroad a better spec as well as increased performance and improved efficiency.**

The A6 has always been one of my favourites in the Audi range, now the availability of Quattro permanent all-wheel-drive makes this model a stand-out option.

Improvements include a range of new and improved optional technologies like Matrix beam LED headlights which adapt automatically to the car's surroundings; Audi Connect that lets driver and passengers access the internet and top of the range MMI Satellite Navigation which includes picture book navigation.

Climate control has been improved with digital display as standard and the Allroad gets double glazing for windscreen and front windows to improve the acoustics in the cabin.

C02 level targets have been improved on the range thanks to gearbox changes, start-stop system improvements and lighter springs meaning that the 3.0TDi Quattro S Tronic on test achieved 149g/km – a reduction of 16g/km.

Fed by a seven-speed gearbox the Allroad has a top speed of 155mph, went from 0-62mph in 6.2seconds and standing on stylish 20" alloys averaged 50.4mpg.

This 4x4 offering won't take you charging up mountains but it does stick like glue, even in the wet, thanks to adjustable suspension. There's probably a bit more roll than on the saloon model but there's a comfortable ride and an elevated driving position.

Audi has given the Allroad a more muscular appearance too, thanks to extended wheel arches and the raised stance and impressive looking wheels.

There's a lot of competition in this sector and while Audi stands out as the quality benchmark it does all come at a price.

**'This 4x4 offering won't take you charging up mountains but it does stick like glue, even in the wet, thanks to adjustable suspension.'**

The model on test starts at £46,000 but the extras on board added another £22,000 which made it a tad on the pricey side at £68,140. You pay extra for Quattro, Head-up display, the 20" alloys, electric seats, LED headlights, speed limit display, privacy glass and the panoramic sunroof.

You'll also have to dig deep to fund a leather package BOSE surround system, night vision assist, Navigation Plus, Audi Connect, cruise control, side assist, lane assist, heated mirrors and heated mirrors.

But all Audi buyers will know they get what they pay for and residual values are outstanding on the entire range.

The SatNav system with Google Map imaged in the centre of the driver's console is an outstanding feature while the cabin is a glorious place to be for those impressed by technology and comfort.

There's comfortable seating for five six-footers and while the boot space isn't best in class there's ample room for everything including a couple of golf club sets.

Audi is giving the entire range a makeover but the Allroad is the stand-out model for me.


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# Iconic van still being produced 65 years on

By James Parker

**Some retire at the age of 65 – but this one is just getting started! Production of the first Volkswagen Transporter began 65 years ago and the 'Bulli' is still going strong today.**

The first models were built in Wolfsburg before production started at a new facility in Hanover in 1956. This date also marks the beginning of a unique automotive love story: today, the entire model series has attained cult status. Whether hippy or tradesman – everyone is driving Transporter.

It all began in 1947 with a pencil sketch: the Dutch car importer Ben Pon saw a simple flat-bed vehicle at the Volkswagen plant and, taking it as a basic idea, he sketched the outlines of a Transporter with Beetle DNA in his notebook.

Two years later, Volkswagen plant manager, Heinrich Nordhoff, presented four prototypes: two panel vans, a kombi and a small bus. Nordhoff promised that the Transporter would be as uncompromising and robust as the Beetle: "These vehicles won't be handled with kid gloves, rather they will be treated roughly."

Designers used the engine and axles of the Beetle. Instead of a central tubular frame of the popular family car, the bus had a unitized body that was mounted on a ladder frame. The 1.1-litre engine produced 18 kW (24.5PS) at 3300 rpm.

The bus could transport up to eight people and the two rear seat rows could be removed easily to free up load space for around 750 kg of payload.

Alfred Haesner, head of technical development of Volkswagen GmbH from 1948 to 1952, said: "Accordingly, this type of commercial delivery vehicle can be used for all branches of business, for rush deliveries and freight, e.g. as a small bus, a special-purpose vehicle, postal vehicle, ambulance or mobile station."

## Demand

Production began on March 8, 1950, in Hall 1 of the Volkswagen plant in Wolfsburg, and ten vehicles were manufactured per day.

By the end of 1950, 8001 Transporters had already been built. Demand was enormous, especially since its affordable price made it an attractive option to tradesmen and retail businesses.

The unique vehicle quickly became an export hit as well. Volkswagen buses could simply transport anything and everything: rubble and debris, mortar and building stones, breakfast rolls and bees wax, cigars and newspapers.

A Volkswagen bus with a camping box made its appearance in 1951 at the automobile exhibition in Berlin. The delivery van with a rear engine suddenly held the promise of an entirely different type of travel. For the first time, it travelled over the Alps. Later, it was driven to India when hippies discovered the 'Bulli' for themselves.

Four years after its production launch, the 100,000th Volkswagen Transporter came off the assembly line in Wolfsburg in 1954. By this point, there were 30 different models of the vehicle. Daily production in Wolfsburg was at 80 vehicles but it couldn't produce more because the plant was already filled to capacity with Beetle production. It became clear that the Transporter needed its own plant.

## Assembly

Construction work began in early March 1955 in Hannover-Stöcken, and the plant was built from the ground up in just one year.

In March 1956, the first "Made in Stöcken" Transporters come off the assembly line. This was the beginning of a future symbol of the 'economic wonder years'. Today, a total of 11 million T-series vehicles spanning five generations have been produced worldwide.

Dr. Eckhard Scholz, chairman of the Bbrand board of management of Volkswagen commercial vehicles, said: "The production launch of the T1 represented the beginning of a long success story that has lasted right up to today. In the past, as well as the present, there is market demand for extremely reliable, versatile and individual vehicles.

"We deliver them in top quality and precisely tailored to every need – whether the vehicle is for trades work, a retail or service business, family or recreation."

Production of the new generation model, the T6, launches this year. Along with the T-series, the Hannover-Stöcken plant also produces the Amarok pick up.

The successful California recreational vehicle is built not far away in Limmer.

Around 12,200 people are employed at the Hannover business site of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

The Poznan plant in Poland (5,700 employees) produces the Transporter and the Caddy, and another plant is being built in nearby, Wrzesnia for the new Crafter.

Today, a total of around 19,500 employees work for the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brand.


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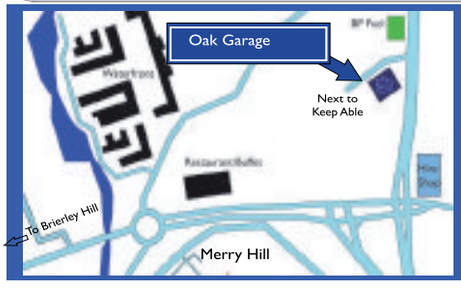


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# Citroën C4 now even better after an upgrade

By Matt Kimberley

**Citroën used to be a byword for comfort, and we loved it for that. The firm is finally moving back in that direction, and the new C4 is at the forefront.**

The C4 has a lot going for it, but upgrades were needed for it to stay with the pack. Tweaks to the headlights and styling details are more or less the extent of the exterior changes, but quality is on an upward trend with new technology and media interface options.

Citroën is quickly rejuvenating an identity: comfort. The press release accompanying the car's launch is crammed full of the word. Citroen is really beginning to feel like a different brand from its sister company Peugeot – and that's good news for both.

The C4 has what you'd call an aggressively French front end. Steeply angled headlight clusters give off an angry vibe, but the rest of the shape is pretty warm and fuzzy.

It's a good-looking car but you'd have a tough time arguing that it matches class leaders for image.

On the other hand, Citroën is doing everything it can to make its brand identity synonymous with comfort. Soon enough the French firm hopes that anyone looking for a comfortable everyday car will make Citroen their first stop.

You can't argue with the numbers: the C4 has comfortably the biggest boot among its direct rivals at 408 litres. That's seven percent or 28 litres bigger than a Volkswagen Golf's. The Skoda Octavia's is bigger again, but that's a much longer car.

In the front door pockets you'll find space for those chunky 1.5-litre drinks bottles you find at motorway service stations and takeaways.

The glove box can fit many gloves in it, too, and the only real oversight is that when you pull the floor-mounted luggage net in the boot upwards, it can bring the whole floor with it.

## Impression

The petrol and diesel models are surprisingly different to drive. The lighter petrol engine links to an over-light, elastic-feeling steering set-up that doesn't inspire confidence, but the diesel's calibration is more linear, more predictable and gives you the impression of more feel.

In total opposition to Peugeot's approach with the 308, the C4's steering is snail-slow. It takes more turning action to get this car turned in – an impression exaggerated by the huge steering wheel.

The new automated manual gearbox is, thankfully, a vast improvement over previous units. You'd seriously consider buying one, now.

This C4 rides very well, too, especially over smoothly undulating folds in the road. Flex in the suspension means that sharper bumps can knock it slightly off its line, especially in corners, but not by an exceptional amount.

The C4 is a decently refined cruiser, especially for such a relatively reasonable asking price.

Seeing the range top out at a whisker over £20,000 is a surprise. Rivals cost significantly more and you'd argue that there's not much about the C4, in high-end Flair trim at least, that feels particularly cheap. You get a lot of space for your pound, too, and especially in the case of the diesel you get super-low running costs.

A family that prioritises comfort and budget would love the C4. Five useful seats, lots of standard safety equipment and even more on the options list make it a very handy family bus.

But it's also a confident cruiser and will return decent fuel economy if driven steadily, so company car buyers might want to take a look.

This car summed up in a single word : Sanguine

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| 13 62 | **CORSA ACTIVE 1.216V** 3DR WHITE 15,500 MILES | £6995 |
| 14 1 | **CORSA S 1.012V** 3DR SUMMIT WHITE 20,000 MILES | £6995 |
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| 10 60 | **ASTRA Sri XP 1.9CDTi 120ps ESTATE** SILVER LIGHTNING 48,200 MILES | £7495 |
| 10 10 | **ASTRA SE 1.616V** 5DR BLACK SAPPHIRE 35,000 MILES | £7695 |
| 11 11 | **ASTRA EXCITE 1.416V** 5DR SUMMIT WHITE 28,000 MILES | £7495 |
| 11 11 | **ASTRA Sri 1.7CDTi** 5DR SILVER LIGHTNING 39,700 MILES | £9000 £8500 |
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| 14 14 | **ASTRA VXR 2.0T 280ps** 3DR ARDEN BLUE 3,900 MILES AERO PACK | £19995 |

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| 12 61 | **MERIVA EXCLUSIV 1.7CDTi** 5DR PEPPERDUST 16,200 MILES | £7995 |
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| 12 61 | **ZAFIRA ELITE 1.7CDTi 110 ps** 5DR WATERWORLD BLUE 18,500 MILES | £9995 |
| 13 63 | **ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV 1.7CDTi** 5DR ASTEROID GREY 11,500 MILES | £10995 £10650 |

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| 14 14 | **INSIGNIA Sri NAV 2.0CDTi 163ps SPORTS TOURER** SOVEREIGN SILVER 12,900 MILES | £15995 |
| 14 14 | **INSIGNIA ELITE NAV 2.0CDTi 163ps SPORTS TOURER** ASTEROID GREY 11,700 MILES | £17495 |
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| 14 14 | **MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.616V** 5DR SUMMIT WHITE 10,300 MILES | £13995 |
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| 08 08 | **PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 1.616V** 2DR RED 41,800 MILES | £5000 |
| 08 58 | **PEUGEOT 308S 1.6VTi** 5DR MET GREY 24,950 MILES | £5495 |
| 09 58 | **MAZDA 5 TS2 ESTATE 1.816V** MET BLUE 53,850 MILES | £5995 |
| 11 11 | **RENAULT CLIO BIZU 1.216V** 3DR MET GREY 31,000 MILES | £5995 |
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# Hagley win opens up three-way title race

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**Swindon (106-5) lost to Hagley (107-3)**

Swindon elected to bat and most of the order got off to decent starts without finishing the job. However, Hagley were in a generous mood and kindly kept the score moving with a significant contribution of wides.

Joe Lennon again took two wickets in his three overs and is well in contention for becoming leading wicket taker in the league.

The feeling Swindon had not put enough runs on the board was soon confirmed as Joe Lennon got Hagley off to a flyer, retiring with his 25 in the second over.

John Russell (26 no) at the other end, promoted to open, had at this stage not seen much of the strike, but was determined to correct that in the next eight overs as he 'anchored' the innings to retire in the 10th. A few quick runs were then the order and with the return of Lennon (29 no) hitting his first ball for four the game was won.

**Enville B (132-5) beat Belbroughton (102-5) by 30 runs**

Although Enville B won this encounter, as they had to play with two ineligible players to make up the six, they had conceded the points to Belbroughton prior to the start and the game proceeded on a friendly basis.

In the event Enville won, Spencer Mann (44no) and Rhodri Parfitt (39), without the ineligible players making a significant contribution. For Belbroughton Will Pardoe top-scored with 30no.

# Squad boosted for new season

HALESOWEN have boosted their side for the new Birmingham Cricket League Second Division season by swooping for Brockhampton duo Ben Stebbings and Will Barrett.

The Seth Somers Park club are also hoping to welcome back last year's overseas player Tarryck Gabriel with the St Lucia star currently awaiting clearance from the authorities after submitting his visa application.

Opening bat Stebbings boasts a healthy near 40 run average and will bring some much-needed scoring potential to the Halesowen batting after the loss of Will Fraine to Division One side Himley.

All rounder Barrett, the captain of the Cambridge MCC University team this year, will add depth to the batting line up and his left arm, fast medium action will bring another dimension to an already potent bowling attack.

Stebbings said: "I'm very excited to be taking on a new challenge and joining an ambitious club looking to reclaim a place in the higher divisions."

Barrett, meanwhile, admits he was impressed with the club's vision for the future.

He said: "I was very impressed with what I heard from the club in terms of their aspirations for the coming seasons and I'm looking forward to meeting up with the lads shortly. Knowing Stebbo well from our previous club is a massive bonus." Chairman Richard Evans said: "I have no doubt that both Ben and Will will make telling contributions this year and we're very excited that they both chose to join us.

For the first time in it's 160 year history the club is proud to announce the formation of a girl's team.

About 18 girls, mainly but not entirely, drawn from the under-10 age group at Howley Grange School have been training together during the winter and the club would actively encourage any other girls interested in joining the squad to come to the club on Monday evenings once training moves outdoors . Youth Coach Carl Bust said: "We are indebted to the PTA at Howley Grange School."

# DK Runners race around iconic track Silverstone

DUDLEY Kingswinford Running Club travelled to Silverstone for the Silverstone Half Marathon.

On a windy morning that possibly slowed times a little, Matt Biggs was 164th in 1.27.07, Graham Wildgoose clocked 1.30.01 to take 206th place, Mark Judge finished in 318th in 1.30.12 and Phil Morris was 6054th in 2.37.11.

Elsewhere runners were also competing in the Fradley 10k with Karen Doy finishing in 49.03 to take 293rd place, Liz Hettle was 302nd in 49.30 and Jo Clare was 347th in 50.54.

While some runners were busy racing at the weekend it's the time of year for beginners to start thinking about taking that most important first step as Dudley Kingswinford Running Club will be holding a Beginners Course starting on Tuesday March 31at 7pm from DK Rugby Club.

The aim of the course is to build up fitness over a 10-week period to enable beginners to complete the club's Gavin Tipper 5k on the 4th June, starting from being able to walk round the rugby pitch and steadily building up to finish 5k.

The only entry requirement being you must be able to walk for at least 15 minutes at a brisk pace. The cost of the course is £35 per person which includes free entry to the Gavin Tipper 5k and a DK Running Club T shirt.

Last year the course raised £4,850 for Action Heart, the cardiac rehabilitation charity based at Russell's Hall Hospital.

Registration will take place on Thursday March 26 but for more detail please contact John Glover on 07748212443.

# FC United stand up to Yeltz pressure

**Halesowen Town 0 FC United of Manchester 1**

**A BUMPER crowd of 1,478 saw title favourites FC United of Manchester defy all Halesowen's pressure to snatch victory with a late goal.**

The Yeltz pushed forward from the start to force eight first half corners in a hard-fought game between the two best defences in the league.

Aaron Griffiths and Joe Hull both went close early on and a 33rd minute header from Kris Green was tipped away at the foot of the post by FC United goalkeeper David Carnell.

After soaking up the first half pressure, FC United started to find their feet and finally went close in the 41st minute when Greg Daniels flicked on for Thomas Greaves to hit just over the bar.

Matthew Wolfenden then hit a fierce 20 yard shot over the home bar on the hour mark.

Ben Haseley finally broke free of the solid FC United defence in the 70th minute but Jerome Wright and Chris Lynch made a vital block as he paused for a split second.

Asa Charlton then headed just wide after 72 minutes as Halesowen's corner tally reached double figures.

## Credentials

But FC United showed their title credentials by grabbing all three points when Craig Lindfield netted a 76th minute close range header from Joe Fox's left-wing cross after Lindfield's initial effort was blocked.

The visitors saw out the rest of the game in a professional manner although Carnell raced out of goal to block yet another injury time chance from Haseley.

**Halesowen Town:** Sargeant; Green, Griffiths, Forde, Hull (c), Tilt, Charlton, Tonks, Christie, Haseley, Bragoli (A. Daniels 83).

**Unused Subs:** Turner, Heard, Watson, Pearson (GK).

**FC United of Manchester:** Carnell; Brownhill, G. Daniels, Birch (c) (Fox 17), Lacy, Lynch, Wolfenden (Fallon 74), Brown, Greaves (Bayunu 86), Wright, Lindfield.

**Unused Subs:** Payne, Byrne.

**Referee:** Nigel Smith

**Attendance:** 1,478

# Home clash for new Heathens

**The new look Cradley Heathens who have their first home clash against the Brummies next week**

CRADLEY Heathens stage their first 'home' meeting at Perry Barr Stadium next Wednesday – and teenage star Nathan Greaves can't wait.

The Heathens, who switched to Birmingham for the 2015 season after losing the use of Wolverhampton last October, face the Brummies in the second leg of the Travel Plus Tours Trophy.

And Greaves, the former British Youth Champion, is delighted to have a new home track to build on his experience of the past two seasons.

After taking his first lap around their new venue at the press and practice day last week he is optimistic about what the new season may hold.

Said Greaves: "It was a good day, finally getting some laps under my belt and I felt good in terms of finding different setups for Perry Barr.

"It took me quite a while to get to grips with Monmore and I still didn't quite manage it – as soon as I came close we moved which was frustrating!

"It's a new challenge now."

Admission next Wednesday is £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children. A full colour 40-page programme will be available for £3.

# Wrens push Team deeper into trouble

**Team Dudley 1 Wrens Nest 2**

WRENS Nest plunged local rivals Team Dudley further into relegation trouble with a 2-1 win in West Midlands Division One.

Wrens Nest drew first blood when Mitch Blackham was adjudged to have upended leading goal scorer Stuart Hillman, from the resulting penalty Chris Rhodes scored his ninth league goal of the season.

A James Hill thunderbolt from a full 25 yards got TD on level terms. Hillman went close on two occasions before half time.

The second half saw former TD player Ben Scriven grab what would turn out to be the winner on 48 minutes when he latched onto a loose ball on the edge of the area to drive home.

Grant Trevis kept TD in the game with a couple of smart saves.

# Harriers have unveiled a new vice-chairman

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have unveiled former Halesowen Harriers boss Rod Brown as their new vice chairman.

Brown recently stepped down as manager of Midland League Premier side Stourport Swifts, following his second spell at the club.

His managerial career began 24 years ago when he and then-assistant Gary Whild – now Harriers manager – guided Stourport to two promotions.

Both then made the move to Redditch United in 2001 and led them to the Conference North.

It is Brown's first role at boardroom level.

Brown has also managed Halesowen Harriers, Bromsgrove Rovers, Rugby and Stratford Town but this will be his first role at boardroom level.

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## Glassboys grab first win in nine

**Ramsbottom Utd 0 Stourbridge 1**

THE Glassboys picked up three very welcome points from their first win in nine Evo-Stik League games, thanks to an early strike from Kayelden Brown.

There were three changes from the Stourbridge team that faced the same opposition at Amblecote recently.

Josh Quaynor, Josh Morgan-Parker and Kayelden Brown were recalled to the starting eleven in place of Jordan Fitzpatrick, Reece Hales and Chris Knight, who had been unable to shake off the knock he sustained in that match.

Once again Stourbridge were ahead in the opening stages of the game. Just nine minutes had elapsed when a good passing move by the Glassboys left Brown with a simple tap-in to open the scoring.

Stourbridge gained revenge for their midweek defeat by lowly Ramsbottom with Kayleden Brown netting the only goal of the game after just nine minutes.

But the Glassboys also needed keeper Dean Coleman to be at the top of his game in the closing stages to deny the Lancashire outfit a late equaliser and end the away side's nine-match winless run.

Stour completely dominated the first half, helped by Brown's side-footed effort following some excellent work by Junior Smikle.

And it should have been a straightforward three points after Ramsbottom defender Alex Frost saw red just before the break after collecting two bookings.

But United's 10 men lifted their game in the second half as they looked to build on their 2-1 victory in the Black Country.

Powerful front man Vinny Mkendi saw his downward header kept out by the Glassboys keeper.

## Fletcher can be at the vanguard of survival, Morrison

JAMES Morrison insists Darren Fletcher has been the perfect man to spearhead West Brom's survival fight.

The midfielder believes four-time Premier League title winner Fletcher deserves instant respect from the Albion squad.

Fletcher was given the Baggies' captaincy by boss Tony Pulis after joining from Manchester United in January and has played a key role in lifting them eight points clear of the Barclays Premier League relegation zone.

And Morrison, who has been called into the Scotland squad with Fletcher for their friendly against Northern Ireland and Euro 2016 qualifier with Gibraltar this month, insists his team-mate is their ideal midfield general.

He said: "He's a great lad, he's a leader and he barks his orders.

"He's got that respect and he deserves it for what he's done in the game.

"Obviously I have played with Darren for many years for Scotland. I know his game and I think he knows mine and we slotted in perfectly.

"We've got a good bunch of lads in the group and he has slotted in perfectly."

## Kuszczak is tipped to bounce back

**Football**

TOMASZ KUSZCZAK has been handed a vote of confidence by Wolves boss Kenny Jackett.

The former Albion and Manchester United keeper had an indifferent return to Brighton on Saturday when he allowed Bruno's opener under him and spilled Joao Teixeira's shot that led to Craig Mackail-Smith's offside effort.

"He's done very well and particularly initially when he came in for Carl Ikeme because he hadn't played for a long time. Tomasz will be disappointed at the goal going back to Brighton, definitely.

"But overall since he's come in for Carl, he's been very solid and the points record with him is very good.

"There will always be mistakes – probably both goalkeepers would be disappointed with the goals they conceded on Saturday."

Jackett is happy Kuszczak won't be affected by his error.

"He won't let that bother him – I said to him straight after the game on Saturday 'all that matters now is Tuesday night'," said Jackett.

"It's not something he needs to dwell on – he has to move forward and show the type of consistency and form he's done for us because he's had a high number of very good games and made some excellent saves.

Ikeme is set to be out for another two weeks with a broken bone in his foot.

Meanwhile, Wolves admit they will struggle to keep Under-21s coach Scott Sellars – if Oldham want him as their manager.

The 49-year-old is among the favourites – with former Saddlers coach and current Latics caretaker boss Dean Holden – for the post and it was speculated that he was set to meet Boundary Park officials on Sunday only for talks to be cancelled.

# WOLVES SHARE WITH SEAGULLS

**Brighton 1 Wolves 1**

**BRIGHTON have long been Wolves' bogey team but they're not the slick, polished outfit that finished fourth and sixth in the last two seasons.**

For once they were there for the taking – and Wolves couldn't capitalise on it.

Yes, the Seagulls' form since Chris Hughton took over is in the top half of the table on the back of strong results at their glorious new home. They were going for a fourth straight win at the American Express Community Stadium.

But they are where they are for a reason and they have weaknesses that Jackett's men couldn't exploit.

Wolves continue to show admirable spirit and commitment, decent quality on the ball and an ability to keep possession.

And in Benik Afobe, they have a top-quality striker with a bit of everything to terrorise defences at this level.

They may yet reach the play-offs – and if they don't, it won't be for lack of effort.

### Fighting

But with so many teams fighting for a top six spot, the whole package doesn't convince you that they will clinch a second successive promotion.

To do that, they really needed to have put to bed a very ordinary looking Brighton side that look a toothless team in transition.

The loan window closes tonight and Wolves' activity in the transfer market will provide further evidence as to how serious their intentions are.

The common feeling is that an experienced head in midfield, perhaps a warrior leader type in the mould of Alex Rae or Paul Ince – if such a player still exists – would go a long way towards helping their bid.

Because for all the good examples set by senior players Richard Stearman and Dave Edwards – and in terms of age and games throw in 26-year-olds Bakary Sako and Kevin McDonald – they lack a real leader on the pitch to help what is still a young and inexperienced side.

After a second successive draw on Saturday, Jackett called for an extra five per cent from his players. A midfield general in the manner of Rae or Ince would surely garner that, or at least help them get towards it.

Brighton's Craig Mackail-Smith fends off Wolves' Danny Batth during the seaside clash

For a team with promotion ambitions, Wolves still seem to be too 'safe' in their play at times. While they have the pace and potential to be devastating on the break – as they showed chiefly in the heavy wins against Huddersfield and Rotherham – they lack the ability to move the ball quickly enough 'through the lines' on a consistent basis.

This allows the opposition to get back into shape, and by the time the cross comes in, Wolves are outnumbered in attack.

It was Dicko who brilliantly teed up Sako for the goal bound shot at the death that Stearman later claimed brought a "world-class" save from David Stockdale.

And with two home games, you get the feeling Dicko must play a greater role if Wolves are to keep up their challenge, certainly if he shows the hungry form he displayed at Brighton.

Dicko arrived in time for Rajiv Van La Parra's first League goal, a cross fumbled into the net by Stockdale four minutes after Bruno Saltor's 70th-minute opener.

Brighton's goal saw the first goalkeeping error of the afternoon when Tomasz Kuszczak allowed the shot to drift under his body on his first playing return to Brighton since leaving last May.

But a draw was a fair result.

## Ricketts may be heading to Sky Blues

WOLVES club captain Sam Ricketts could be on the verge of joining Coventry City.

The Sky Blues have approached Wolves with a view to taking the 33-year-old defender on loan.

Ricketts, who has recently been using his vast experience to coach the first-team defenders, is out of contract this summer and has been made available for loan by head coach Kenny Jackett.

The former Swansea, Hull and Bolton man, who has 52 Wales caps, said last week he needed to move on for the sake of his international career.

Jackett said: "There's been interest (from Coventry). Last week they phoned about him but nothing's been done about it at the moment.

"It's ongoing. I don't know what's going to happen but they've made an enquiry.

"He hasn't spoken to Tony (Mowbray), no."

Asked if there were talks planned, Jackett said: "Not that I know of.

"He's played well and helped the young players and he's done a lot of coaching with the defenders on a day to day basis in recent weeks.

"Sam's choices are does he continue playing as long as possible or does he go into a coaching career?

"I don't know what Sam's decision is. If he decides to pursue it then the club will talk finances and the length of time but the only thing available at the moment is an emergency loan anyway."

Asked about a potential loan swoop for Ricketts, new Coventry boss Tony Mowbray said: "I have to say watch this space. I'm trying to improve the squad and add players to help win these next few games."

## Villa are allocated 31,000 FA tickets

VILLA have been handed an allocation of 31,799 for their FA Cup semi-final – with tickets on sale now.

The club do not yet know whether they will be facing Blackburn or Liverpool at Wembley, or indeed which precise date the tie will take place.

But supporters will still be able to snap up their seats for the big game, which will take place on either April 18 or 19.

Tickets will be priced between £63 and £33 for adults and can be purchased online, by phone or in person at the club's ticket office.

Priority will be given to season ticket holders, with those who have held a season ticket for more than 10 years.


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